



Press Release

Bureau Veritas signs large Government contract with Yemen for the implementation of International Conformity Certification Programme

Neuilly-sur-Seine, December 18, 2008 – Bureau Veritas, a worldwide leader in conformity assessment and certification services is pleased to announce the signature of a contract with the Yemen Standardization & Metrology and Quality Control Organization (YSMO) for the implementation of an International Conformity Certification Programme.

Bureau Veritas' Government Services & International Trade (GSIT) Business is exclusively appointed to provide conformity assessment services for the following products:

- Group 1: Toys
- Group 2: Electrical and electronic products
- Group 3: Vehicles, tyres
- Group 4: Safety personal devices
- Group 7: Portable steel cylinders for liquefied petroleum gases (LPG).

The process includes the physical verification and sampling in the countries of supply prior to shipment, conformity assessment to Yemeni or international standards including laboratory testing when needed, and issuance of corresponding certificates.

Used vehicles imported into Yemen will be inspected upon arrival in Yemen in a vehicle inspection station which will be purpose built by Bureau Veritas.

The objective of this contract is to support directly YSMO and other appropriate Government Agencies.

The new International Conformity Certification Programme is designed to:

- Protect the consumer from:
 - Dangerous or hazardous products
 - Sub-standard goods
 - Counterfeit products
- Improve protection of the environment.

Tony Mouawad, Executive Vice President of Bureau Veritas' Government Services & International Trade Business said: *"This contract represents a key achievement in the ongoing development of our services platform in the Middle-East. We are happy to leverage our Group's expertise to contribute to the continuous progress of quality and safety assurance in Yemen."*

About Bureau Veritas

Founded in 1828, Bureau Veritas is an international group specialised in the inspection, analysis, audit, and certification of products, infrastructure (buildings, industrial sites, equipment, ships, etc.) and management systems (ISO standards etc.) in relation to regulatory or voluntary frameworks.

Bureau Veritas ranks as the world's second largest group in conformity assessment and certification services in the fields of quality, health and safety, environment, and social responsibility ("QHSE") and the world leader in QHSE services not including raw materials inspection. Bureau Veritas is recognised and accredited by major national and international organisations.

Bureau Veritas is present in 140 countries through a network of 850 offices and laboratories. It has more than 40,000 employees at September 30, 2008 and a client base of more than 300,000.

Since 1996, Bureau Veritas has posted average annual growth of 15% in revenue and 22% in adjusted operating profit. In 2007, the group reported revenue of € 2.067 billion, adjusted operating profit of € 312 million and adjusted net profit (Group share) of €193 million.

Bureau Veritas has been listed on the Euronext Paris (Compartment A, code ISIN FR 0006174348, mnemonic: BVI) since October 24, 2007.

www.bureauveritas.com

www.bureauveritas.com/qsit

Contacts

Analysts-investors

Claire Plais – +33 (0)1 55 24 76 09
Domitille Vielle – +33 (0)1 55 24 77 80
finance.investors@bureauveritas.com

Head office

Bureau Veritas
67/71 boulevard du Château
92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine
France
+33 (0)1 55 24 70 00

Journalists

Véronique Gielec – +33 (0)1 55 24 76 01
veronique.gielec@bureauveritas.com

Lowe Stratéus:

Clémentine Duguay – +33 (0)1 40 41 56 11
clementine.duguay@lowestratus.com