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**PRESS RELEASE**

**BRUSSELS TRADE COURT DISMISSES ALUCOAT**

*Brussels, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (5:45 pm) – In its ruling on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Brussels trade court dismissed Alucoat’s claims for an expert examiner to be appointed with a view to assessing United Anodisers’ management.*

Further to a complaint filed in September 2008, Alucoat opened proceedings against United Anodisers with the competent Belgian courts seeking the appointment of an expert examiner.

In its ruling on January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Brussels trade court dismissed these claims, finding that United Anodisers’ board of directors has provided a comprehensive and detailed response to all of the points relating to the company’s accounts and management on which Alucoat had requested clarifications. Under these circumstances, Alucoat’s claims were found to be groundless.

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**About UNITED ANODISERS (formerly Coil)**

*United Anodisers, a Belgian Group listed on NYSE Euronext Paris Compartment C since June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1996, is the world’s largest architectural and industrial anodiser, specialising in the surface treatment of aluminium extrusions, castings and flat-rolled products.*

*Anodising is an electrochemical process - electrolysis - that develops a natural and protective exterior layer on aluminium that can be coloured, providing exceptional corrosion protection and/or increased functionality for the metal.*

*Anodising preserves all the natural and ecological properties of aluminium - it retains its high strength-to-weight ratio, non-magnetic properties and exceptional corrosion resistance without any impact on the total and repeated recyclability of the metal.*

*Anodised aluminium is used across a wide range of architectural, designer, industrial and automotive applications.*

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