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## Bacou-Dalloz to divest of manufacturing site

**Paris, January 3, 2007:** Bacou-Dalloz announced today the divestiture of its manufacturing site located at Lamastre (Ardèche, France) to Extrême Décors Group. In accordance with the Group's wishes, this operation enables to protect employment in the region.

Lamastre plant is specialized in Polyurethane injection for safety shoes manufacturing. The skills developed by the local team of 34 people will benefit to PVC flooring production, a different business within a growing market.

The divestiture is part of the footwear division's turnaround plan announced by the Group in 2006. This operation is made up of a reindustrialization plan to adapt to PVC flooring production and an exclusive safety shoes subcontract with Bacou-Dalloz for a period of 18 months to 2 years.

The operation will result in a restructuring charge of approximately 3.5 million Euros in the 2006 Group financial statements. The pay back of the operation will take about 3 years.

Henri-Dominique Petit, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bacou-Dalloz said: "We did our best to find a long-lasting solution to protect employment at Lamastre's site and I am therefore satisfied by this operation. The footwear division will now be able to focus on its premium range sales growth and on margins improvement."

Bacou-Dalloz, world leader in the design, manufacturing and sales of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), operates across all 5 continents with approximately 6,000 people. The Group specializes in providing head-to-toe protection specifically designed for use in all sectors where men and women are at risk (manufacturing, construction, telecommunications, homeland security, medical, public services, etc.) and offers a complete range of head protection equipment (eye/face, hearing and respiratory) and body protection equipment (fall protection, gloves, clothing and footwear).

Bacou-Dalloz is listed on the Eurolist market of the Euronext stock exchange in Paris, within the SBF 120 index, and is eligible for the SRD (Monthly Settlement Service).

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