

CARBONE LORRAINE RECEIVES AN AWARD FROM A LEADING SEMICONDUCTOR GROUP

Carbone Lorraine has been voted in the USA "2003 Supplier of the Year" by Sumco, a Japanese manufacturer that is one of the world's leading producers of semiconductors.

Sumco, formed from the merger between Sumitomo and Mitsubishi, specialises in the production of monocrystal silicon and silicon wafers used to manufacture semiconductors. During these processes carried out at very high temperatures, various purified graphite elements perform heating, thermal insulation and support functions.

Carbone Lorraine has demonstrated its ability to develop effective graphite solutions rapidly and to deliver efficient services in this fast-growing market where customer demands are high and where technological advances are constantly targeted.

"We are proud to have won this award, which represents recognition for our efforts and encouragement for us to do everything we can to satisfy our customers" commented Claude Cocozza, Carbone Lorraine's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. *"The trust placed in us by our customers is enabling us to keep growing our business at a brisk pace and to win market share in a highly responsive and fast-moving sector."*

This award caps an excellent year for Carbone Lorraine in this sector during 2003 when growth reached close to 20%. 2004 is shaping up to be at least as good in graphite solutions for semiconductors, either silicon-based or based on other materials, the latter being needed to produce light-emitting diodes, a market expanding by over 40% p.a.

The award will be presented in a ceremony to be held in July 2004 at the Carbone Lorraine facility in Midland (Michigan), which specialises in the design and manufacture of advanced technology graphite solutions for the semiconductor industry.

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Reminder:

Carbone Lorraine is an industrial group specialising in electrical components (brushes for electric motors, magnets and industrial fuses) and advanced materials and technologies. Well-established world-wide, the Group holds world-class positions in all its main markets:

- *Electrical Applications*
- *Permanent Magnets*
- *Electrical Protection*
- *Advanced Materials & Technologies*
- *World # 2 in brushes for electric motors*
- *World # 3 in magnets for automobiles*
- *World # 2 in industrial fuses*
- *World # 1 in thermal anti-corrosion equipment*
- *World # 2 in high-temperature applications of isostatic graphite*

The Group is listed on the Premier Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the SBF 120 and Next 150 indices.

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