



The CNIM Group acquires Bertin Technologies

Paris, 14 February 2008. Following the announcement made on the 20 December 2007, the CNIM Group today confirms its acquisition of Bertin Technologies and all its subsidiaries (Bertin Services, Bertin Services Aerospace, Ellipse Pharmaceuticals and Spi-Bio). The CNIM Group reinforces its position as a major actor for industrial and innovative solutions in the fields of Energy, Environment, Defence and Aerospace.

For Philippe Soulié, Chairman of the CNIM Group's Executive Board, *“Bertin significantly strengthens the activities of CNIM. By acquiring the Bertin Group, our aim is to increase our capacity to launch innovative products with strong growth potentials. Bertin also gives us access to complementary technological competences in NICT, Biodefence and Life Sciences.”*

Philippe Demigné, Chairman of the Bertin Group, emphasizes the fact that *“the Bertin Group will naturally integrate into the CNIM Group. It is an occasion for us to continue and increase our development, particularly with the industrial capacity of the CNIM Group and its international standing. It is a major opportunity for all our activities.”*

The Bertin Group will keep its name, its legal status and will have a large autonomy within the new group. Its management will remain unchanged.

The acquisition of the Bertin Group by the CNIM Group will be completed without an increase in capital. At the end of the operation, the CNIM Group keeps its solid financial structure and a positive cash flow.

About the CNIM Group (Section B/ISIN-FR0000053399)

The CNIM group provides turnkey industrial solutions, with a high technological content, in three major sectors: Environment, Mechanical Engineering and Energy. CNIM has subsidiaries and branch offices in 20 different countries. Its shares are listed on the Paris Stock Exchange since 1987 (CAC Small 90). In 2007, the group's consolidated sales were 557.2 M€

About the Bertin Group

The Bertin Group is one of the European leaders in technological innovation. It proposes a unique range of technological expertise, design and supply of innovative equipment for the following fields: defence, healthcare, energy and sustainable development. The group's consolidated sales figure for 2007 is estimated at €18.1 million with a workforce of 470 people.