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## Appointment of Bertrand Dumazy as CEO of Materis Paints' business

Wendel and Materis are pleased to announce the appointment of Bertrand Dumazy as CEO of the Materis Paints business as of October 1, 2012. He succeeds René Riu, Senior Vice-President of the group, who developed and managed the Paints' business at Materis since leaving the Lafarge group at the end of the 1990s. René Riu has been appointed as advisor to Olivier Legrain, Chairman of Materis. Like René Riu, Bertrand Dumazy will also be Senior Vice-President and member of the Executive Committee of the Materis group.

In 2011, Materis Paints posted sales of €815 million but experienced a decline in its profitability as a result of increases in raw materials prices and very difficult economic conditions in southern Europe. Mr. Dumazy will seek to boost profitability by accentuating the plans already in place and to develop Materis Paints' already strong brands.

Bertrand Dumazy, 41, began his career in 1994 as a consultant at Bain in Paris and then in the United States. After working as the Investment Director at BC Partners (1999-2000), he founded Constructeo, a company specialized in project management software for the construction industry. His company was acquired by Bricnet in 2001, and he became COO EMEA of the new entity. In 2002, Mr. Dumazy joined the Neopost group, where he had operational (Chairman and CEO of Neopost France) and functional (Director of Marketing and Strategy, CFO) responsibilities.

Since 2011, Bertrand Dumazy has been CEO of Deutsch, world leader in high-performance connectors. He is a graduate of ESCP and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

### About Materis

Materis, one of the world's leading manufacturers of specialty chemicals for the construction industry, is composed of four businesses: Admixtures, Aluminates, Mortars and Paints. In 2011, Materis posted sales of €2 billion and had 9,800 employees worldwide.

### About Wendel

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Standard & Poor's rating: Long term: BB, stable outlook; short term: B since April 11, 2012.



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