

Wendel and its company Materis announce:
A strategic acquisition for Materis' Mortars business
Final success of Materis' debt renegotiation
The pursuit of the strategic review of Materis' portfolio

ParexGroup, **Materis' Mortars business, completed a strategic acquisition in China** in the façade industry. ParexGroup, one of the global leaders in mortars, acquires the company Suzuka, leading player on the organic textured coatings market. With an industrial site and a laboratory in Shanghai and a commercial network in central and western China, which will complete ParexGroup's one (800 sales outlets in that country), Suzuka's sales rose sharply to € 13 million in 2011 with a high level of profitability. It's the second external growth operation of Materis this year after the acquisition in May of Elmin, main bauxite supplier of Kerneos, its Aluminates business.

Moreover, Wendel announces the **closing of the debt renegotiation of Materis** on last June 15. Wendel has announced in May the agreement in principle