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Press Release

Appointment

Alain BENQUET has been appointed Managing Director Europe for the Colas Group.

A graduate of the Ecole des Mines de Paris engineering school, Alain BENQUET started his career at Colas in 1971 as a project engineer in Bordeaux, before moving on to Gennevilliers. In 1974, he was appointed project engineer in Guadeloupe, and then agency manager. In 1979, he became agency supervisor in Nigeria, then in 1982, deputy manager in the Ivory Coast. From 1988 to 1990, he ran the Colas agencies in Cameroon, Chad and Guinea. In 1990, he was tapped to become manager for eastern Europe, and in 1992, manager for central Europe. In 1999, he was appointed Deputy Managing Director for the International East division, in charge of central Europe.

The Colas Group (www.colas.com)

The Colas Group is a leader in the construction and maintenance of infrastructure for transport, urban development and recreational facilities. With 60,000 employees throughout 1,400 profit centers in 40 countries on five continents, the Group carries out more than 100,000 projects each year, backed by a tight international network of quarries, emulsion plants and asphalt plants.

In 2005, Colas posted 9.54 billion euros of consolidated revenue (42% outside of France). The Group share of net profit amounted to 307 million euros.

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