Louis GABANNA has been appointed Managing Director North America for the Colas Group.

After graduating with a Masters in Business Administration, Louis GABANNA, 51, joined the Colas Group in 1981 as administrative and financial manager of Transelec International in Kenya. In 1984, he became vice-president and managing director of Sintra, a Colas subsidiary in Canada. From 1991 to 1994, he moved on to become president of Terus Construction Ltd in Vancouver, before being appointed president of DGOC, a Canadian-based subsidiary of Colas in 1995. In 1998, he was promoted within the American subsidiary Colas Inc. to the position of vice-president western operations. He was tapped to become president of ColasCanada Inc. in 2003.

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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