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SALE OF BATCH ANODISING BUSINESS IN THE UK

Brussels, December 19th, 2011 – United Anodisers, the world leader for aluminium anodising, has just completed the sale of all its assets in the UK, and will be realigning its strategic development around continuous anodising.

Grouped together within the subsidiary United Anodisers Holding Limited in the UK, the batch anodising business recorded €4.8 million in sales in 2010, with an operating loss of €0.4 million. The securities have been sold by United Anodisers SA/NV to private investors for a confidential price. This sale has made it possible to immediately generate a further €1 million in liquidities for the Group. Nevertheless, the writing off of inter-company debt for the subsidiary sold off is expected to give between €2 and 2.5 million in capital losses in the consolidated accounts for 2011.

This operation is in line with United Anodisers' realignment to focus on its historical continuous anodising business. It will help further strengthen the Group's financial resources with a view to the creation of a sixth continuous anodising line in Germany in 2012 (€22 million project, with 38% funded by the Saxony-Anhalt region). This major strategic project is intended to support the Group's commercial expansion in emerging markets outside of Europe, where the benefits of the efforts made over the past three years are starting to be seen.

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About UNITED ANODISERS

United Anodisers is the world's largest architectural and industrial anodiser, specialising in the surface treatment of aluminium extrusions, castings and flat-rolled products.

Anodising is an electrochemical process - electrolysis - that develops a natural and protective exterior layer on aluminium that can be coloured, providing exceptional corrosion protection and/or increased functionality for the metal.

Anodising preserves all the natural and ecological properties of aluminium - it retains its high strength-to-weight ratio, non-magnetic properties and exceptional corrosion resistance without any impact on the total and repeated recyclability of the metal.

Anodised aluminium is used across a wide range of architectural, designer, industrial and automotive applications.

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