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SALES UP 11% IN Q1 2005

*Coil's consolidated sales rose to €5,144,000 in Q1 2005,
up from €4,633,000 for the same period last year.*

In line with the Group's expectations, the trend seen at the end of 2004 has continued, with strong growth in business (+11%) in relation to Q1 2004. This good performance has been driven by an upturn on the markets and the integration of the main part of the contract for the treatment of external facades for a major construction project in the Middle East.

Over the first few months of 2005, the achievements on each product type have been consistent with the Group's forecasts, with the outlook on industrial markets (welded tubes and double-glazing spacers) progressively becoming more favorable.

Lastly, Coil is proving its ability to manage the ramp-up in operations at its new production site in Bernburg (Germany) under very good conditions in terms of both quality and productivity. After validating the very high quality of production at the new site, moves to progressively step up production on the new line are moving ahead in line with management's ambitions. Indeed, the creation and development of this new tool represents a key strategic element for the development of Coil's markets.

"We are satisfied with the sustained growth achieved over the last quarter. Today, we are seeing a dynamic level of demand that our industrial tool is able to meet effectively. For 2005, we are confident that our markets will continue to develop favorably. All of these factors mean that we are able to confirm our objective for strong growth in business over the current year", explains Tim Hutton, COIL's Chief Executive Officer.

NEXT DATE: General Meeting on June 1st, 2005

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About COIL

COIL, a Belgian company listed on the Paris Nouveau Marché since June 26th, 1996, has built up specialized know-how and engineering capabilities for the continuous treatment of aluminum flat-rolled coil products. This treatment, which uses an electrochemical process (electrolysis), protects the metal from corrosion and preserves its natural appearance. The aluminum is treated in line with the specific requests of rolling mill clients. As a service provider, COIL does not buy or sell aluminum or manage any stock.

Leader in the pre-anodized aluminum market, COIL is present on a wide range of sectors with strong levels of demand, such as construction and industry, giving it good visibility on its future growth prospects.

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