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Plan to sell the brushes for automobile and household electrical appliances division

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Carbone Lorraine has announced that it has received a binding offer from US investment fund **MidMark Capital** to acquire its **Brushes and brushholders for automobiles and household electrical appliances** division. The division posted sales of around €69 million in 2008.

This proposal would put the finishing touch to the strategic refocusing drive that the Group has carried out in recent years. If this offer were accepted, it would give rise to a capital loss in the annual financial statements that would be offset by the capital gain recorded during the first half of the year on the disposal of the braking business.

At its meeting on January 22, 2009, the Board of Directors gave its approval for the offer to be presented to the employee representative bodies, in accordance with the current regulations. It will make a final decision on **MidMark Capital's** offer when this consultation has been completed.

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About Carbone Lorraine

Carbone Lorraine is a world leader in graphite solutions and electrical components. The Group specialises in the use of high-tech materials in highly demanding industrial environments and in the development of systems essential to a safe electrical motors' operation and to the protection of electrical equipment. With more than 85% of its sales achieved outside France, the Group holds leadership positions in all of its core businesses.

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| Advanced Materials and Technologies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World number one in graphite anticorrosion equipment - World number two in high-temperature applications of isostatic graphite |
| Electrical Applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World number one in brushes for electric motors |
| Electrical Protection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World number one in fuses for power semiconductors - World number two in industrial fuses |

The Group is listed on the Premier Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the CAC Mid100, SBF120 and Next 150 indices.

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