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**PRESS RELEASE**

**NORTHERN FRANCE RAILWAY CLUSTER SHOWING SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE AT  
INNOTRANS 2008 in Berlin (September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>)**

*A major delegation of industrialists from Northern France will be exhibiting under the "Northern France - European Railway Cluster" banner at the INNOTRANS trade fair in Berlin, the world's leading railway trade fair. Together, they represent the assets of an area which is undoubtedly one of Europe's top centres of excellence in the railway industry.*

The "NORTHERN France village" will stretch over almost 360 sq. m. and will bring together 25 companies from the Nord-Pas de Calais and Picardie regions. The diversity of exhibiting companies demonstrates how rich this cluster is in terms of skills: rolling stock manufacture, infrastructure equipment, services, operations and maintenance.

At the heart of this village, an institutional stand will group the AIF (Railway Industries Association), the i-Trans competitiveness cluster, the Nord-Pas de Calais and Picardie regions and NFX, the Investment Promotion Agency for Northern France and his partners (APIM - Lille Métropole, ADUS - Maubeuge and Valenciennes Métropole). Beyond their know-how, institutional participants will be presenting a number of established sites specifically devoted to research and development. BOOTH 250-4B, Hall 3.2

The "NORTHERN France village" will be a dynamic site as each company will have a 20 to 30-minute session in the pre-arranged programme to unveil its latest products and innovations.

A delegation of elected officials and business leaders, led by Region Chairmen Daniel Percheron and Claude Gewerc, will be visiting the trade fair on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The two regions which constitute Northern France rank as leaders in national railway production. They represent 10,000 jobs and approximately 300 sector-related companies, with innovative know-how illustrated by the likes of i-Trans, in particular. These facts legitimise the decision to establish a Northern France stand at the world's leading railway trade fair, which unveils the latest advances in the sector every two years.

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## List of exhibiting companies below

## 25 companies exhibiting at InnoTrans

ADES	SAINT ETIENNE	42	www.ades-technologies.com
AMESCO	VIEUX CONDE	59	-
CAFAC BAJOLET	HERMES	60	www.cafac-bajolet.com
CERTIFER	VALENCIENNES	59	www.certifer.eu
CIMES	VALENCIENNES	59	www.cimesfrance.com
DECAMAT +	LEZENNES	59	www.decamatplus.com
DELCROIX KLEGE EUROP	BAPAUME	62	www.delcroix.fr
DELOS	SAINT AMAND LES EAUX	59	www.delos-fr.com
DENY FONTAINE	SAINT BLIMONT	80	www.denyfontaine.com
DEVISMES	FEUQUIERES EN VIMEU	80	www.devismes.fr
DUFLOT INDUSTRIES	CAUDRY	59	www.duflot.com
FAVI	HALLENCOURT	80	www.favi.com
GETRASUR	FEUCHY	62	www.getrasur-international.com
HEF - DURFERRIT	ANDREZIEUX-BOUTHEON	42	www.hef.fr
IDMS ELNO GROUP	NEUVILLE EN FERRAIN	59	www.elno.fr
IGF INDUSTRIES ARBEL FAUVET RAIL	DOUAI	59	www.a-f-r.fr
INFODIO	WASQUEHAL	59	
INOFORGES	BRETEUIL	60	www.inoforges.com
NEU INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS	MARCQ EN BAROEUL	59	neu-railways.com
CEF SOGEEF	PETITE FORET	59	www.centre-essais-ferroviaire.com
SOCIETE INDUSTRIELLE DES FONTES	SAINT QUENTIN	02	www.sifontes.com
SOGEMA	LYS LEZ LANNOY	59	www.sogema-engineering.com
SOPAVAL	MARLY	59	www.sopemea.fr
STRATIFORME INDUSTRIES	BERSEE	59	www.stratiforme.com
TECHNI METAL SYSTEMES	MELICOCQ	60	www.techni-metal.eu/systemes