



## Alcan Completes Acquisition of Cathode Business in France

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With 2005 revenue of about \$114 million, Carbone Savoie produces cathode blocks, including graphitized cathode blocks, and sidewall blocks and ramming paste. Cathodes are essential to the production of aluminum, as they act as conductors in the electrolytic cell. The business employs approximately 500 people at two sites, both in close proximity to Alcan's research and development centre in Voreppe, France.

"With Carbone Savoie now part of the Alcan family, the company has strengthened its commitment to aluminum smelting technology development in Europe and more particularly in France," said Michel Jacques, president and chief executive officer of Alcan. Jacques said Alcan is eager to begin fully integrating Carbone Savoie into the company and implementing the Alcan Integrated Management System (AIMS), which includes a rigorous approach to environment, health and safety (EHS FIRST).

The Alcan acquisition comes less than 3 months after the company announced its intention to acquire Carbone Savoie.

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