

Pressrelease

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## **Industri Kapital to invest in Magotteaux**

**Industri Kapital has signed an agreement to invest in Magotteaux, a world leading supplier of grinding media for the cement, mining, aggregates and dredging industries.**

Founded in Liège (Belgium) in 1920, Magotteaux is a world leader in grinding media and wear resistant parts for the cement and mining industries. It is focussed on preparing metallurgical advanced grinding media for a variety of industries that involve crushing and grinding processes. Products include grinding balls and wear tables, diaphragms and linings for mills

"Industri Kapital's reputation to actively support the development of its partner companies as well as its long term vision and commitment for the development of the company, have been key elements in our choice. My successor, Bernard Goblet, takes over the management of a profitable group with appropriate means to meet its worldwide ambitions" said Jean-Jacques Verdickt. The arrival of Industri Kapital confirms the mission started 3 years ago by the exiting CEO.

As of completion of the transaction, Industri Kapital will obtain a significant stake in Magotteaux' capital. This is the first step of the implementation of the expansion plan of the company with a view to a listing in the medium term.

"We have been impressed by the technological positioning of Magotteaux combined with its ambition to reinforce its position of global market leader in their niche. We look forward to assisting Magotteaux in its pursuit of organic growth as well as growth through acquisitions" said Kristiaan Nieuwenburg, Partner at Industri Kapital.

The transaction has been notified to the merger control authorities.

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**Magotteaux**

Magotteaux, whose registered office has been located at Chaudfontaine since its incorporation in 1920, has 13 production units, and 26 representative offices, in the five continents. The Group is a worldwide leader in its sector: it provides solutions for the cement, mining, aggregates, recycling industries, power stations and dredging, where the comminution of materials and wear resistance are important factors in the process. In 2005, the Group produced 212,000 tons of grinding media and wear resistant parts and realized an annual turnover of Euro 378 million. It has approximately 2,000 employees worldwide. For more information: [www.magotteaux.be](http://www.magotteaux.be)

**Industri Kapital**

Industri Kapital is a European private equity firm with Nordic roots, managing close to 4 billion euros in fund commitments. Since 1989, Industri Kapital has acquired 61 European companies. The current portfolio encompasses 24 companies with a total turnover close to 8.6 billion euros. Industri Kapital invests mainly in mid-sized companies with strong cash flow and profit improvement potential, operating in mature industries with fundamental underlying growth. Magotteaux is the seventh investment of Industri Kapital in the Benelux, the first one dating back to 1995 (Amas). Previous IK investments in the cement/concrete industry include Fives Lille (industrial engineering) and Consolis (prefabricated concrete). Previous investments in the mining supply industries include Dyno Nobel (explosives) and DSI (post-tensioning systems). For more information: [www.industrikapital.com](http://www.industrikapital.com)