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HAL ACQUIRES OPTICAL RETAIL CHAIN IN ENGLAND

Today, GrandVision S.A., a 100% subsidiary of HAL Holding N.V., acquired the activities of the G C Bateman Group, an optical retail company in the south of England via its subsidiary Vision Express UK Ltd.

Vision Express already operates 235 stores in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The 2007 net sales of Bateman amounted to approximately GBP 22 million. Bateman has approximately 500 employees and operates 75 stores.

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