



## Press release

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### **HAL announces the acquisition of Arpa**

An agreement was reached to acquire a 100% interest in Applicazioni Rivestimenti Plastici Affini A.R.P.A. S.p.A. (“Arpa”).

Arpa is a manufacturer of High-Pressure-Laminate (HPL) products, primarily for interior applications. The company is based in Bra (Italy) and has approximately 430 employees. Arpa reported 2007 sales of approximately € 80 million. HAL subsidiary Trespa International B.V. (“Trespa”) also manufactures High-Pressure-Laminate (HPL) products, primarily for exterior applications. Trespa reported 2007 sales of € 211 million.

It is not the intention to merge Arpa and Trespa. The interest in Arpa will therefore be held by Broadview Holding B.V. (“Broadview”), the newly incorporated operational holding company (97% HAL) which already owns 100% of the share capital of Trespa.

The acquisition is subject to further due diligence and regulatory approvals. It is expected that the transaction will be completed during the second quarter of 2008.

HAL Holding N.V.  
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