



Press release

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HAL completes acquisition of Arpa

Today, HAL completed the acquisition of a 100% interest in Applicazioni Rivestimenti Plastici Affini A.R.P.A. S.p.A. (“Arpa”). The acquisition was already announced on February 21, 2008.

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 HPL products, primarily for exterior applications. Trespa reported 2007 sales of €211 million.

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

HAL Holding N.V.
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