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## PRESS RELEASE

### Nomination of two new independent Board members

#### Finalization of sale of Monitoring and Safety of Lifting Equipment activity

*The proper governing of the company, financial transparency, and the independence of the supervisory bodies have been major concerns of GINGER for many months.*

*In order to be a leader among the MidCaps in its various areas of activity, GINGER created a Shareholders Club in November 2004 and, in December 2004, it appointed a censor for its Board of Directors, i.e., Viviane Neiter, Chairwoman of the APAI (French Association for the Promotion of Individual Shareholding).*

*Now, GINGER announces the nomination of two new renowned independent Board members who will allow the group to accelerate its development.*

They are:

- **Jean-Marie Descarpentries** – A graduate of the French Ecole Polytechnique, Jean-Marie Descarpentries began his career with the Shell Group and then created an international reputation for himself as the head of major companies, in particular, the European subsidiaries of Danone and Saint-Gobain, then of the Carnaud, Interdrew and Bull groups. Under his management, the Carnaud MetalBox Group became the European leader in packaging and no. 3 worldwide in the sector. When in charge of the Bull Group, which had been recording losses of five billion French francs per year for several years, he turned the results around in two years, allowing for a successful privatization. Currently Chairman of the FNEGE (French National Foundation for Teaching Company Management) and of the FONDACT (French Foundation for Employee Shareholding), he is also a Board member, censor or member of the strategy committee of about ten companies throughout Europe, such as Bolloré, Ernst & Young, British Telecom Services, Completel, Assurances et Conseils Saint-Honoré, Viel, Financière Tradition, Banque de Vizille, and Cabasse.
- **Philippe Montagner** – A graduate of the French Ecole Spéciale des Travaux Publics and the Centre des Hautes Etudes du Béton Armé et Précontraint, Philippe Montagner began working for the Bouygues group in 1968. He is in charge of a few of the group's largest projects, i.e., the Tehran Stadium, the Paris Forum des Halles, the Yamoussoukro Special School for Public Works, and Riyadh University. General Manager of the Channel Tunnel Transmanche link from its beginnings, Philippe Montagner was Chairman of the Transmanche Construction Assembly and co-Chairman of the TML Assembly from February 1993 through July 1994, when the Channel Tunnel was completed. Since 1987, Philippe Montagner has been at the head of the Bouygues group's Telecommunications division. Philippe Montagner was appointed to Bouygues' Board of Directors in 1985, and was then appointed as censor in April 2003. He is also a Board member of TF1, ETDE and Bouygues Télécom.

Thanks to their experience and knowledge of management and of the market, Jean-Marie Descarpentries and Philippe Montagner will actively contribute to GINGER's development in France and abroad.

**Meeting of the conditions precedent and sale of the Monitoring and Safety of Lifting Equipment activity.**

In addition, as announced on 3 January 2005 with respect to the sale of the Monitoring and Safety of Lifting Equipment activity to Veritas, all of the conditions precedent were met on 27 January 2005. The sale therefore entered into effect on 31 January. The 93 employees involved in this activity will join Veritas in the next few days.

**About GINGER:**

- Ginger has exceptional skills in expert appraisal, design engineering and maintenance engineering, which are applied to infrastructures in three sectors: construction, environment, and information and communication technologies.
- Ginger has a unique and special complement of research departments and laboratories for analyzing, testing and monitoring.
- Ginger has the ability to carry out any and all projects in connection with the creation, setting-up and maintenance of infrastructures that allow for an improvement in safety and quality of life.

*In short*

GINGER currently has close to 1,990 employees, over half of which are engineers and technicians, more than 20 areas of expertise, an outstanding reputation and premium technical brands (CEBTP, Sechaud & Bossuyt, Solen, Lem, etc.), as well as a recurrent customer base that accounts for more than 60% of its sales.

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