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CTC Germany

expands the CTC Groupe's European network

CTC Groupe, based in Lyon, France, is pleased to announce the opening of its new European agency in Frankfurt (Germany):

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«*Guten Tag, Willkommen bei CTC Germany*»: this is the greeting reserved for the **CTC Groupe's** German-speaking clients. The **CTC Groupe** is the worldwide leader in consultancy, inspection and quality control for footwear and leather goods.

CTC Germany corresponds directly with the major German companies that market footwear, leather goods, Personal Protection Equipment and fashion accessories.

Situated in the business district of Frankfurt, in the Franco-German Chamber of Commerce building, this fully operational business unit is directed by Dorit Kempken.

CTC Germany works in co-ordination with other **CTC Groupe** structures around the world, fostering the rapid communication and delivery of **CTC Groupe's** global services:

- Physico-mechanical testing of shoes, leather goods, luggage and gloves;
- Chemical analysis of the same articles or their components (textiles, leather, plastics, etc.);
- CE marking of Personal Protective Equipment for footwear and gloves;
- Inspections of goods during manufacturing and of finished goods before shipping;
- Factory and social audits in the production zones.

The **CTC's** International development has grown throughout 2005 with the opening of new operations in Asia, the United States and in Europe. Following the opening of the **CTC** laboratory in Shanghai in February 2005, the **CTC** Guangzhou commercial unit in Canton in May and the second **CTC** structure in the US in Portland in July, the **CTC Groupe** is today currently expanding its presence throughout Europe (France, Spain, Portugal and Germany).

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About CTC Groupe:

With over 100 years of experience, **CTC Groupe** is the worldwide leader in consultancy, training and quality control in footwear and leather goods. **CTC Groupe** has its headquarters in Lyon (France), agencies in Cholet, Paris and Dijon and international subsidiaries in the USA, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Vietnam, Spain, Germany, Portugal and Tunisia. It operates in the following fields:

- **CTC** consulting, training, inspection and quality control in shoes and leather goods;
- **STR France** quality control applied to other consumer products performed;
- **CTC Environnement** consulting, safety training and environmental analyses.

To achieve these goals, **CTC Groupe** relies on:

- The expertise of its 150 personnel around the world;
- A strongly annual research and development programme;
- A strong personnel training programme;
- Physico-mechanical testing laboratories;
- Chemical analysis laboratories;
- A European research and vocational training campus in Lyon;
- Participation in work on European standards;
- Unique documentary resources backed up by a business intelligence facility.

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