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***Jean-Pierre GUALINO appointed  
as Chairman of the board of CTC***

The Board of **CTC**, the French Professional Committee of Economic Development for the leather, footwear, leather goods and glove industries met on Friday December 12, 2008 in Lyon.

The Board of Directors has elected Jean-Pierre GUALINO as Chairman and a new committee which from now on is composed of:

- Jean-Pierre GUALINO (ATC), Chairman,
- Emmanuel MATHIEU (Louis Vuitton Malletier), first Vice-President,
- Pierre WAINTRAUB (French Leathersgoods Federation), Vice-President and President of the Economic Development Commission,
- Jean-Paul ARAULT (Décathlon Production) Vice-President,
- Paul BATIGNE (Ets Sabin) Vice-President,
- Frédéric RONDINAUD (Rondinaud SA) Vice-President.

The Board of Directors has also confirmed Yves MORIN as the CEO of **CTC**.

Jean-Pierre GUALINO has been a Director of **CTC** and a member of the Committee since 2004. He is a graduate from the French Tannery School and is the former President of the French Society of the Leather Chemists Engineers and Technicians (AFICTIC). In addition, Jean-Pierre GUALINO is a Foreign Trade Adviser, Director of the Conseil National du Cuir (CNC) and SIC SA.



*(visual available on request)*

# About CTC...

## MORE THAN A CENTURY FOR QUALITY

**CTC** rely on a 100 years expertise to go with manufacturers, distributors and retailers of leather, footwear, leather goods and gloves. **CTC** services are customizable for all clients from small companies and start-ups to global corporations.

## A GLOBAL NETWORK

The 180 employees of **CTC** spread out 20 international subsidiaries located in France, Spain, Germany, Portugal, the United States, Tunisia, China, Hong Kong and Vietnam. **CTC** is the leading global resource providing quality assurance solutions, consultancy and training for the leather, the footwear, the leather goods and the glove industries.

The strategic alliance concluded with STR<sup>®</sup> allows **CTC** to develop the same expertise in quality assurance for textile and clothing. A unique partnership with BioMechanica<sup>®</sup> reinforces the offer for research and testing services in the biomechanics field and innovation for sports shoes.

## GLOBAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS

**CTC** offers global solutions guaranteeing that ensure the quality, the performance and the innocuousness of clients' products:

- Factory and social audits.
- Pre-production, in-line, pre-shipment and loading inspections.
- Physical, biomechanical testing of raw materials and finished goods.
- CE marking of Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) gloves, footwear, clothing.
- Chemical testing of raw materials and finished goods.
- Consultancy: quality systems, clean technology, safety in factory, innovation, product and manufacturing process development, rapid prototyping, technologic intelligence.
- In-company professional training and at **CTC** European campus based in Lyon.
- Information, publications, technical and pedagogical books, web portal ([www.ctc.fr](http://www.ctc.fr)), data bases, video, competitive intelligence services.
- International standardization.
- Study and research: leather and tannery, sustainable development, traceability and counterfeiting, information and communication technologies and visionic, comfort, industrialization.

**CTC** delivers the foremost expertise setting new standards for innovation and QA services in a global market place.

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