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Acquisition of GE Power Fuse Business *Reinforcement of Electrical Protection division*

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Carbone Lorraine is carrying through a selective acquisitions policy aiming at accelerating the profitable growth of its activities in the coming years. This policy includes a reinforcement of the offer in medium voltage products, a segment targeted by the Electrical Protection division.

Expanding offering in medium voltage fuses

The Group today announced the acquisition - through **Ferraz Shawmut** LLC, its US-based Electrical Protection division - of **General Electric's Power Fuse** operations from GE Consumer & Industrial business. The GE component, based in Vieques, Puerto Rico will be combined with the existing Ferraz Shawmut medium voltage fuse business based in Newburyport, MA.

Acquiring GE's medium voltage fuse business represents a **significant expansion** for Ferraz Shawmut in terms of product offering and fuse technology. This will strongly enhance its position in this growing segment of the **power fuse industry**.

A leading position in the MV fuses market

With this line of medium voltage fuse product, Ferraz Shawmut consolidates its worldwide leading position as a provider of safe and reliable electrical protection and reinforces further its rewarding relationships with major distributors and large electrical industrial groups providing both existing and new customers with a high level of service and innovation.

With this leading position in the North-American type medium voltage fuse segment and with its increasing portfolio of German type medium voltage fuses, Ferraz Shawmut is enhancing its global development on the growing market segments of Power Generation & Distribution, and Industrial Controls.

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About Carbone Lorraine

Carbone Lorraine is a world leader in graphite solutions and electrical components. The Group specialises in the use of high-tech materials in highly demanding industrial environments and in the development of systems essential to a safe electrical motors' operation and to the protection of electrical equipment. With more than 85% of its sales achieved outside France, the Group holds leadership positions in all of its core businesses.

Advanced Materials and Technologies	- World number one in graphite anticorrosion equipment
	- World number two in high-temperature applications of isostatic graphite
Electrical Applications	- World number one in brushes for electric motors
Electrical Protection	- World number one in fuses for power semiconductors
	- World number two in industrial fuses

The Group is listed on the Premier Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the CAC Mid100, SBF120 and Next 150 indices.

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