

## FCDE is preparing a new investment in the capital of Le Belier Group

**Paris, 2010 May 10th** – The funds of Consolidation and Development of Companies (FCDE) announces a new investment, sharing a capital increase into Le Belier, a global key player in the foundry and machining of automotive aluminium components, listed on the C compartment of Euronext Paris (code ISIN FR0000072399).

A holding including FCDE and the Galland family will be set up for the execution of this operation. The investment being considered by FCDE amounts to around 8 millions euros within the frame of a capital increase of Le Belier which will be opened to the public with preferential right of subscription being hold. At the end of this operation, the Galland family will remain the main shareholder. This investment project follows a reengineering and reorganizing phase driven by the management between 2005 and 2009 and is bringing to the company the financial means of its development. This operation remains subject to the audits and usual authorizations and should be closed by the end of July.

Philippe Galland, Chairman of Le Belier, declares: « *Our reengineering being completed after three tough years, the support of FCDE in line with our strategy, allows us to speed up our development. We will thus benefit from opportunities coming from the exit of the crisis.* »

Charles-Henri Rossignol, Partner at FCDE, declares: « *The know-how, the innovation, the quality of management and the international positioning of the group, leader on its markets offer to the company solid growth opportunities. Our investment aims at helping Le Belier to restore its balance sheet in order to fully benefit from the redeployment work carried out these last years. Our investment will reinforce equities of the company and will speed up its commercial development.* »

### **About Le Belier**

*Le Belier is a worldwide group specialized in manufacturing of aluminium-cast safety components for the automotive industry. World leader in braking, Le Belier take profits from an internationally recognized know-how and follows its customers throughout the world on the three continents: America, Europe and Asia. Thanks to its flexible, reactive and competitive business model, Le Belier achieved in 2009, a turnover of 153 M€, with a current operational result of M€ 5,6, an Ebitda accounting for 10,4% of the consolidated sales and a net result before taxes of +0,6 M€.*

### **About FCDE**

*Funds of Consolidation and Development of Companies (FCDE) main mission is to invest in the capital of SME for which growth has been weakened by the crisis. Mix of public/private funds, this independent capital risk development funds, with roughly M€ 200 is financed by the FSI to the extent of M€ 90, and is associated to major finance and insurances companies. The FCDE is fully integrated to the operational framework of FSI financial support to the SME.*