

Press Release

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Sale of 24% of UM's capital by the Société Générale de Belgique

The sale of 24% of Union Minière's capital by the Société Générale de Belgique will enable Union Minière to continue the process of diversifying its shareholder base.

For Union Minière's management, this operation reflects the Group's wish to acquire a more international profile in the future, with a wider market for its shares.

This development is totally in line with Union Minière's growth plan, following finalisation of the Industrial Plan in 1998.

The Société Générale de Belgique which, with 25% of the capital, remains Union Minière's largest shareholder, has confirmed its full support to the industrial strategy being pursued by the Union Minière management.

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