

Press release

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Umicore to propose Isabelle Bouillot as Director

Umicore today announced that it will propose Isabelle Bouillot for appointment to the company's Board of Directors. Approval for Mrs Bouillot's appointment will be sought at the company's annual general meeting on 14 April 2004.

Isabelle Bouillot is a French national and has extensive experience in a variety of roles in both the public and private sector. Her previous roles include positions as Economic Adviser to the French President and Budget Director at the French Ministry of Economy and Finance. She is currently a director of materials group Saint-Gobain, hotels and services specialist Accor and the French national postal and banking group La Poste.

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PROFILE

Umicore is an international metals and materials group. Its activities are centred on five business areas : Precious Metals Services, Precious Metals Products and Catalysts, Advanced Materials, Zinc and Copper. Each business area is divided into market-focused business units.

Umicore focuses on application areas where it knows its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy can make a real difference, be it in products that are essential to everyday life or those at the cutting edge of exciting, new technological developments.

Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on this ambition to develop, produce and recycle metals in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life.

The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base; it generated a turnover of EUR 4.7 billion in 2003 and currently employs some 11,500 people.