

Press-release

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## Acquisition of Delphi Catalyst completed

Umicore today confirmed that the transaction to acquire the automotive catalyst business of Delphi Corp. has been completed. Regulatory clearance for the transaction has already been obtained. A dedicated team has been established to ensure a swift and smooth integration of the acquired activities within Umicore's Automotive Catalysts business unit.

Commenting on the completion of the deal, Umicore's Executive Vice-President of Automotive Catalysts, Marc Grynberg said: "This deal represents another significant step forward for our business. The combination of the activities enables us to further broaden our customer base and to extend the product offering to our existing customers. It also provides opportunities to share best practices in terms of product and process technology. We are excited by the potential that the combination offers and we are very much looking forward to working with our new colleagues in the further development of our business."

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## Umicore profile

Umicore is a materials technology group. Its activities are centred on four business areas: Advanced Materials, Precious Metals Products and Catalysts, Precious Metals Services and Zinc Specialties. 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 new technological developments. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on this ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials 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 €8.2 billion (€1.7 billion excluding metal) in 2006 and currently employs some 14,000 people.