

## PRESS RELEASE

### **ADVANT Altana advises Groupe MILLET on the acquisition of a railway maintenance workshop from Groupe COLAS**

**Paris, 9 February 2022** – ADVANT Altana once again advises Groupe MILLET for the acquisition of a railway maintenance workshop from Groupe COLAS, a subsidiary of Groupe BOUYGUES.

**Thanks to this acquisition, Groupe MILLET consolidates its position as French leader in the railway market and continues to grow. This acquisition confirms Groupe MILLET's strategic ambition to master the entire rail maintenance chain.**

This acquisition is in line with previous acquisitions by Groupe MILLET of activities of Groupe COLAS.

In 2018, Groupe MILLET took over the cereal transport branch of COLAS RAIL, a subsidiary of Groupe COLAS.

In 2020, Groupe MILLET acquired the aggregate and quarry products transport activity of this same subsidiary, which enables it to consolidate its positions in Western France.

**In the context of this transaction, ADVANT Altana provided Groupe MILLET with the combination of its skills in mergers and acquisitions and its knowledge of the railway sector, in which the expertise of the firm's lawyers is particularly recognised.**

Groupe MILLET was accompanied by a dedicated team composed of Mana Rassouli, partner, Bruno Nogueiro, partner, and Margaux Chaumien, associate, for corporate law matters ; Pierre Lubet, partner, for employment law aspects, and Philippe de Saint Bauzel, partner, and Stéphanie Nègre, counsel, for tax law aspects, Pascal Varin, consultant, as well as Sylvie Campagne Le Gall, from the law firm of ROCHEBOIS NOTAIRES, for real estate law aspects

Groupe COLAS Group was accompanied by its legal department and Marie-Hélène Alfonsi, from the firm ARIAS NOTAIRES, for the real estate law aspects.

**About Groupe MILLET:** A family business founded in 1898, the MILLET Group specialises in transport and rail logistics services.

The services offered by the MILLET group are based on four main areas of activity:

- Rental of industrial wagons and locomotives;
- Technical management of fleets;
- On-site assistance and repair of wagons and locomotives;
- Purchase and resale of wagons and locomotives.

**About Groupe COLLAS:** Created in 1929 to exploit the Cold Asphalt emulsion patent, which revolutionized road engineering, the COLAS Group, a subsidiary of the BOUYGUES Group, has expanded its range of activities over the years,

increasing its locations around the world and developing new processes in the fields of construction and maintenance of transport infrastructures through three main activities:

- Roads (construction and maintenance of road infrastructure, including safety and road signs);
- Materials (production, distribution and recycling of construction materials); and
- Rail (construction and maintenance of rail infrastructure).

**About ADVANT Altana:** ADVANT Altana is a multi-jurisdictional law firm founded in 2009, with more than 80 lawyers and attorneys, including 22 partners. ADVANT Altana's teams assist French and foreign companies, as well as their managers, in the handling of high-stakes technical or strategic cases, particularly in the most regulated sectors: Banking-Insurance, Construction, Renewable Energies, Life Sciences, TMT (Technologies - Media - Telecommunications). ADVANT Altana is a member of ADVANT, an international association of law firms in continental Europe which includes ADVANT Altana in France, ADVANT Beiten in Germany and ADVANT Nctm in Italy.

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