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Press release

Eramet Sponsors Lapérouse Film

The Eramet Group is closely involved in New Caledonia through its subsidiary Société Le Nickel-SLN. It has committed itself to the Lapérouse 2008 operation as the main sponsor for Yves Bourgeois' film that will follow in the tracks of the famous expedition.

A French mining and metallurgical group, Eramet has been mining and processing New Caledonian nickel ore via its subsidiary SLN for almost a century. It has deep roots in the South Pacific and is familiar with the Lapérouse mystery. Eramet has long taken an interest in the research done and SLN has supported the Salomon Association for almost ten years. The book published by the association on the Lapérouse mystery received financial support from SLN in 2007.

Patrick Buffet, Eramet Chairman & CEO, commented, "The values behind the Lapérouse expedition are very similar to the Eramet Group's values: innovation, perseverance and team spirit. The Group's employees, with presence on five continents through their industrial and commercial activities, will be excited to follow this great initiative."

The Eramet Group is pleased to have been able to fulfil the Ministry of Defence's request and especially proud to take part in one of France's first TV sponsorships.

With 15,000 employees in 20 countries, Eramet is a world champion in alloy metals and upscale metallurgy, contributing to the success of a wide range of sectors including steel, power and aerospace.

Société Le Nickel-SLN extracts nickel ore from its five mines in New Caledonia and turns it into ferronickel in its Nouméa plant. SLN employs almost 2,400 people in New

Caledonia. STCPI, the investment vehicle for the territory's three provinces, holds a 34% stake in SLN as of July 2007.