

PRESS RELEASE

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Coface acquires Dafsaliens, thereby strengthening its position as market leader in company information in France.

Coface Services has acquired a 100% share in Idealinfo SA, which operates the brand Dafsaliens. The Dafsaliens-Idealinfo SA turnover stands at €0.9m, up 17% against 2005.

Dafsaliens: recognised know-how in the analysis of financial links

Since 1945, Dafsaliens has been identifying and updating in real-time the financial and human links which connect large French groups to their shareholders and subsidiaries. Dafsaliens' database, boasting a 10-year online back catalogue, represents the most precise and most specialised source of information on financial links, providing a directory of over 640,000 financial links and 320,000 links between individuals and businesses (shareholders and mandates).

Strengthening Coface's offer

With this acquisition, Coface confirms its position as market leader in France in company information. Dafsaliens' and Coface Services' respective databases are highly complementary in terms of the richness of information on company solvency on the part of Coface Services and financial links on the part of Dafsaliens.

Further to the recent acquisition of Kompass France, the joining with Dafsaliens continues to enrich the offer proposed to Coface's and Dafsaliens' respective clients, with an ever richer array of products and services in company information.

About Dafsaliens

Dafsaliens' database integrates all company financial and human link, notably shares from 0.01%, composition and evolution of boards of director and complete subsidiary organigrams. Dafsaliens analyses the largest French groups, including shareholders and subsidiaries, thereby managing the interconnections between companies on the basis of a methodology with financial and/or economic consolidation. Its resulting database is communicated via three means: yearbooks, web site and specific services on information flows (called 'groupographies').

About Coface

Coface, rated AA+ by Fitch Ratings, AA by S&P and Aa3 by Moody's, is a subsidiary of Natixis whose share capital (Tier 1) was 11.2 billion euros end 2006 after application of CRD/Basel II norms. Coface's mission is to facilitate global business-to-business trade by offering its clients four product lines to fully or partly outsource trade relationship management and to finance and protect their receivables: credit insurance, company information and ratings, receivables management and factoring. Coface also offers, in France, management of government export guarantees. Coface operates a quality local service for its 85,000 clients thanks to its 5,100 staff in 60 countries where Coface has a direct presence. www.coface.com

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