

PRESS RELEASE

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Carbone Lorraine signs a major contract with OBB

Carbone Lorraine has just signed a two-year contract worth EUR 1.4 million with Austrian railway company OBB.

This contract covers the sale of brake linings for rail wagons used to carry trucks. This solution, as it reduces heavy goods traffic and consequently helps protect the environment, has become the main means for trucks circulation in Austria.

Carbone Lorraine was granted this contract due to the exceptional wear resistance and durability of its brake linings.

This contract further illustrates the trusting relationships that Carbone Lorraine manages to build with its customers and confirms the Group's expertise in carbon/ceramics materials making up the brake linings.

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Reminder:

Carbone Lorraine is an industrial group specialising in electrical components (brushes for electric motors, magnets and industrial fuses) and advanced materials and technologies. Well-established world-wide, the Group holds world-class positions in all its main markets :

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