

PRESS RELEASE

Samas rationalises Erco

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Samas-Groep NV (Office furnishing) announces its decision to rationalise Erco Interieurbouw BV in Valkenswaard.

The result enhancement programme foresees a reduction in personnel of around 19 FTEs.

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Samas-Groep is an international group targeting the European office furnishing market. Annual turnover is about € 350 million and the Group has around 2,300 employees. Samas-Groep has some 10 operating companies. With strong local brands these have leading market positions in the Benelux area, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and several countries in Eastern Europe. This gives Samas-Groep a leading position in Europe. Of the total group turnover 75% is earned outside the Netherlands. Around 80% of the total workforce is positioned outside the Netherlands. Depository receipts of shares of Samas-Groep NV have been listed on the Euronext Amsterdam NV stock exchange since 1986. At the end of March 2005 some 62% of these shares were held by Dutch investors. The financial year is from 1 April to 31 March inclusive.

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