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The Écoles Centrales group organises its first recruitment forum in Brazil

"The Écoles Centrales Alumni Career Forum" is a unique event for Brazilian and French students and graduates from the French Écoles Centrales (Paris, Lyon, Lille, Nantes and Marseille) and companies wishing to recruit engineers with international profiles.

(Sao Paulo, June 29, 2012) –The Écoles Centrales Group today organises its first recruitment forum at Sao Paulo, Brazil. This forum, lasting for a full day, will bring together about 120 French and Brazilian students and 12 French or international¹ companies for exchanges, discussions and a round table on the theme of "International Careers for International Graduates".

The Écoles Centrales Group has been developing cooperation with the most prestigious universities for a number of years. Thus, 2012 marked the 10th anniversary of the 5+6 programme between the Écoles Centrales Group and its six Brazilian partner universities: the University of São Paulo (USP), the State University of Campinas (Unicamp), the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS, at Porto Alegre), the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), the Catholic University of Rio (PUC-Rio) and the Federal University of Ceará (UFC, at Fortaleza).

These agreements permit training engineers with a high potential and fully at ease in the two cultures. An average of 50 students from Brazilian partner universities and 30 students from the Écoles Centrales benefit from this training every year. Since its introduction, about 450 students have participated in this double degree programme. The organisation of study trips to Brazil over the past three years for about twenty Écoles Centrales students has also contributed to highlighting Brazil as an exciting destination for Centralian student-engineers, encouraging them to undertake their international mobility in this country.

"This Forum is a natural part of the strengthening of our relations with Brazil, which is a strategic country for the Écoles Centrales Group. This is shown by the measures in place for exchange students, teaching researchers and research collaboration" said Christopher Cripps, President of the International Committee of the Écoles Centrales Group and Director of International Relations at the École Centrale Paris. He added: "In the context of the training we offer our students to become true professionals, we also have a mission to ensure their employment".

Other forms of collaboration have also been introduced: for example, in 2009, the Écoles Centrales Group co-organised, with the Polytechnic School of the University of Sao Paulo, the Franco-Brazilian seminar on the theme "What engineers for the XXIst century?" This was aimed at offering French and Brazilian decision-makers proposals for the concrete development of teaching and research programmes.

¹ Companies present: ALSTOM, CEGELEC (Groupe Vinci), CGG VERITAS, DORIS ENGENHARIA LTDA, EADS (Cassidian, Eurocopter, Helibras), GEMALTO, LHOIST, PSA Peugeot Citroën, SAFRAN, SAGEMCOM, TECHNIP, ZODIAC AEROSPACE.



For the École Centrale Paris, the exchanges annually concern about fifteen Brazilian students and about ten French students. The School promotes this destination for its student-engineers by investing in initiatives encouraging them to undertake a double degree course, for example through the grants for excellence and inter-university student projects.

The École Centrale Paris is closely associated with the launch of the Brazilian government's "Science without Borders" programme (Ciência sem Fronteiras). This programme aims at supporting international mobility for Brazilian students and doctoral students with the award of 75 000 grants over a period of 4 years.

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