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**A new Advanced Master degree:**

**“Purchasing Manager in Technology & Industry”**

***The Ecole Centrale Paris will train very high-level buyers***

***(Paris, January 12, 2010) – From September 2010, the “Purchasing Manager in Technology and Industry” Advanced Master degree will train students in the use of the most advanced techniques in purchasing and familiarise them with an industrial, technological and international environment.***

This third cycle, accredited by the Conférence des Grandes Ecoles, is aimed at graduates (Bac + 5) from engineering schools and scientific universities throughout the world as well as young professionals who are already employed. Recruitment of future candidates has now begun amongst companies and universities in France and abroad, notably in China, India and South America.

The pedagogical group will consist of professors at the Ecole Centrale Paris, and will particularly rely on the teams at the Industrial Engineering laboratory as well as purchasing directors and managers who are recognised in their field. The programme consists of 15 full-time modules taught only in English, over a period of 12 months (7 months of courses and 3-6 months internship).

Besides teaching the basics of purchasing, the course will also include specialised subjects such as innovation and technology monitoring, the analysis of the product's life cycle, managing business and industrial projects, involving purchasing in the creation of products and the supply chain, global sourcing and logistics, the development of suppliers, strategic alliances, risk management and financial engineering.

The pedagogical content will be delivered in the form of lectures, company projects, case studies and seminars. Students will thus develop relational and managerial skills and will know how to operate in complex purchasing situations.

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This Advanced Master has been created in response to requests from numerous purchasing managements and is sponsored by its founder patrons Claire Brabec-Lagrange, Purchasing Director of the Thales group and Jacques Barrailler, Director of the State's Purchasing services and a previous Director of Purchasing at the Alcan group. Many companies have supported the creation of this programme, including Bouygues Construction, Danone, DCNS, Michelin, Orange-France Telecom, Renault, Safran, Schneider Electric and Valeo.

The partners of the programme participate in the pedagogical strategy: they contribute to the preparation of the course content, propose end-of-study projects and present their businesses. They also undertake to encourage the enrolment of the best students thanks to financial assistance that represents a significant proportion of the cost of the course.

This new programme will further enhance the range of Advanced Master degrees offered by the Ecole Centrale Paris. These 13 degrees cover areas as varied as Health, Sciences and Technology, Computer Sciences and Management.

#### ***About the Ecole Centrale Paris***

*From its foundation in 1829, the Ecole Centrale Paris has trained high-level, generalist engineers - company directors, senior managers and experts in technology. The quality and commitment of its 2 100 students (1 400 student engineers, 130 research Masters, 250 Advanced Masters, 225 doctoral students, 180 permanent teachers, 1 300 part-time lecturers and its international Centralian network are the School's fundamental assets, together with the very high standards set for its teaching programmes and its excellence in research.*

*For additional information: [www.ecp.fr](http://www.ecp.fr)*

The 'Purchasing Manager in Technology and Industry' advanced Master website:  
[www.ecp.fr/purchasing-manager](http://www.ecp.fr/purchasing-manager)

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