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## EANS-Adhoc: Villeroy & Boch AG / European Commission imposes fine

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Ad-hoc notification

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Villeroy & Boch AG: European Commission imposes fine

The European Commission announced in Brussels today that it has imposed a fine totalling EUR 71.5 million on Villeroy & Boch AG, Mettlach, and its subsidiaries in Belgium, Austria and France. The decision was directed against 17 manufacturers of taps, shower screens and bathroom ceramics. Villeroy & Boch is charged, as a manufacturer of bathroom ceramics, with participating in concerted practices in Germany, Belgium, Austria and France from 1994 to 2004.

The justification for the order imposing the fine has not yet been delivered to Villeroy & Boch. As a result, Villeroy & Boch is not at present in a position to examine the merits of the case and the fixing of the fine. The Company will undertake a review of the order and will probably appeal. Appropriate reserves will be set aside in the semi-annual report.

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