



Warsaw, 27 April 2009-LEROY MERLIN POLAND
rewarded once again with the "Investor in Human Capital" award

Leroy Merlin is one of a number of Polish companies to be awarded the *Investor in Human Capital emblem* at the end of April, an award conferred on employers who develop and implement the very best human resources management methods and techniques.

Christophe Dubus, Managing Director, Leroy Merlin Poland:

“We decided to take part in the evaluation programme to prove that our philosophy of developing our company by investing in our teams is still relevant, even during difficult times.”

Dorota Wójcik-Czarzasty, Human Resources Director, Leroy Merlin Poland, asserts:

“This is the third time we have received this award, having previously gained it in both 2002 and 2003. It demonstrates that we set ourselves apart in the market through our management of staff. Our development is based on investment in staff training and our efforts to build sustainable relations with them.

The Investor in Human Capital Certification Programme is run by the **Management Observatory Foundation** which aims to promote the best solutions in the field of human resources management. During the certification audit, experts analysed our staff and knowledge management policy, our development and corporate culture, along with our in-house communications, including procedures and applied tools.”

Leroy Merlin Poland was founded in 1994 with the first store opening in 1996 in Piaseczno, near Warsaw. The Leroy Merlin network in Poland, with its workforce of 6,500 staff, now extends to 33 locations and is a leading company in the DIY and decorating sector.

The mission of Leroy Merlin Poland is to help its clients to create the home of their dreams. The company offers a comprehensive product range, tailored to its customers' needs, in a variety of fields – building, DIY, decorating and gardening.

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