

PRESSE RELEASE

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Bignon Lebray advises the shareholders of SCELL-IT on the sale of the French operations of the SCELL-IT Group to Briconord

The SCELL-IT France teams are joining Briconord to expand the Group's offering and to establish a leading position in the French screws and fastening market.

Founded in 1988, SCELL-IT is a French family-owned company specialising in fastening solutions.

SCELL-IT is joining Briconord, a leading French player in the hardware and home improvement sector.

This strategic acquisition enables Briconord to strengthen its portfolio, which already includes brands such as Norail, Starblock, Interges, Cime, Cqfd, Louis Moulin, Nordlinger Pro, Easy Protect and Maclean.

Through this transaction, Briconord strengthens its position as a future French leader in the screws and fastening markets.

The UK, Polish and Italian entities of the SCELL-IT Group are not affected by this transaction. These entities will soon be consolidated to form a European specialist in metal fastening solutions.

Bignon Lebray's involvement

Alexandre Ghesquière, Partner, and **François Vibert**, Associate, in Bignon Lebray's Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions department, assisted SCELL-IT in this transaction.

Key Players in the transaction**Buyer's advisors:**

Legal: Lamartine Conseil

Tax: Mamou Bocarra

Financial: Oderis

Seller's advisor:

Legal: Bignon Lebray

About SCELL-IT

Based in Lesquin (Hauts-de-France), SCELL-IT offers a comprehensive range of blind rivets, rivet nuts and installation tools (manual, battery-powered and pneumatic). The company is also recognised in the chemical and mechanical fastening markets.

SCELL-IT employs 48 people and operates three brands: Scell-it, Atlas and Smartool. The company serves both professionals and major DIY retail chains.

About Briconord

Founded in 1950, Briconord specialises in construction, home improvement and renovation. The company operates across six sites in France and the Netherlands and employs 420 people.

The Group generates annual revenue of more than €156 million, nearly 30% of which is derived from exports.

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