

Press release

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Cotecna acquires shares in Centre de Contrôle des Véhicules Automobile (CCVA) in Burkina Faso

In December, 2010, following an international call for tender, Burkina Controls Inc., a company of which Cotecna Inspection S.A is the majority shareholder, acquired 51% of the shares of the Centre de Contrôle des Véhicules Automobile (CCVA) in the context of a partial privatization of the CCVA. CCVA has an exclusive mandate to carry out periodical technical controls on all automobile vehicles circulating in Burkina Faso and also carries out inspections of both private and state vehicles.

Cotecna Inspection S.A, one of the world's leading trade testing, inspection, and certification companies, has been operating in Burkina Faso since August 2004, following the signature with the Ministry of the Economy and Finance of a first contract for Pre Shipment Inspection and the verification of specific imports at destination.

Robert Massey, Cotecna's Chief Executive officer said, *"This new service in Burkina Faso represents an important step in the diversification of Cotecna's activities in Africa and testifies to the quality of Cotecna's services in Burkina Faso over the past six years."*

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