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**STANDSTILL PERIOD IN RESPECT OF HONSEL EXTENDED**

Brussels, March 31, 2009 – RHJ International S.A. (Euronext: RHJI) announces that the Standstill Agreement on loan repayments by its portfolio company, Honsel, to a consortium of lenders has been extended until April 30, 2009.

The original Standstill Agreement was announced in December of last year and was initially effective until March 31, 2009.

**About Honsel**

Honsel is one of the world's leading producers of light-metal components with primary focus on the automotive industry. The company develops and manufactures aluminium and magnesium products using the casting, extruding and rolling processes for engine, transmission, suspension and car body of passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Additionally, the company supplies products for engineering and other applications. Components and solutions from Honsel reduce vehicle weights, fuel consumption and emissions, thus contributing to environmental protection. Founded in 1908, Honsel has become a development partner and systems supplier for the worldwide automotive industry and has facilities in Germany, France, Romania, Spain, Brazil and Mexico. In the fiscal year 2007/08 about 5.000 employees achieved a total turnover of almost 900 million Euros.

RHJI currently holds approximately 82% ownership of Honsel.

**About RHJ International:**

RHJ International (Euronext: RHJI) is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Belgium, having its registered office at Avenue Louise 326, 1050 Brussels, Belgium. It is a diversified holding company focused on creating long-term value for its shareholders by acquiring interests in businesses in attractive industries.

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