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The Colas Group and Centrale Nantes strengthen their partnership around public works careers.

Bertrand Alessandrini, Director of Development and Corporate Partnerships at Centrale Nantes, and Alain Monnier, Employer Brand and Talent Development Director at Colas Group, signed a new two-year partnership agreement on 24th May.

This agreement strengthens existing links between Colas and Centrale Nantes. A partnership was first formed in 2013, establishing a regular presence for Colas on the school campus, notably in the form of business conferences, presentations of career paths within Colas, student participation in the challenges organized by the Group (Golden Roads, Angry Roads etc.) and site visits. Colas also takes part in the Forum Atlantique recruitment fair every year and runs a HR workshop to help students build their CVs and prepare for job interviews.

The Colas Group and Centrale Nantes have actions planned to heighten engineering student awareness of the public works sector and, more particularly, of the opportunities offered by Colas.

As Alain Monnier explained: *“Numerous Centrale Nantes alumni have joined Colas. They are recognized not only for their technical and people skills, but also for their ability to progress within the Group. This success of the Centrale Nantes model in our organization has prompted our commitment to extend and strengthen our partnership.”*

Colas plans to recruit more than 3,200 employees, including 600 at managerial level, in France in 2018. Over 150 young graduates - mainly engineers - will be recruited to fill engineering or management positions, most commonly at the conclusion of an internship. Links with higher education, and especially partnerships with schools such as Centrale Nantes, are thus at the heart of Colas' recruitment policy.

“Colas Group’s positioning represents a real opportunity for our engineering students to develop strong expertise in a constantly changing environment, in line with the school’s research and training focus.” Laure Quedillac, head of corporate partnerships at Centrale Nantes.

About Centrale Nantes

Founded in 1919, Centrale Nantes is a French engineering school and member of the Ecoles Centrale Group. Its undergraduate, Master and PhD programmes are based on the latest scientific and technological developments and the best management practices. At Centrale Nantes, research and training are organised into three key areas for growth and innovation: manufacturing, energy transition and healthcare. With research platforms ranging from digital simulation to prototyping using full-scale models and an incubator with 20 years of experience in supporting start-up projects, the school has two major tools for innovation and creation, working hand in hand with the world of business. Centrale Nantes promotes its teaching and research capabilities at international level through around 100 partnerships with prestigious universities and schools worldwide.

Centrale Nantes welcomes 2,320 students, including 1,550 undergraduate students, 200 Executive Education and ITII degree apprenticeship students, 260 PhD students and 400 Masters students, on its 40-acre campus. For more information, visit www.ec-nantes.fr

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About Colas Group

Colas (www.colas.com) is a subsidiary of the Bouygues group and a world leader in the construction and maintenance of transport infrastructure, striving to respond to the challenge of responsible mobility.

Operating in more than 50 countries across five continents, with a network of 800 work units and 2,000 material production units, the Group employs 55,000 people and annually undertakes 80,000 construction and maintenance projects. In 2017, Colas Group revenue amounted to € 11.7 billion (48% from international markets) and net profit (attributable to the Group) was €328 million.

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