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Press release

VINCI and its employees pay €356,736 to UNICEF and Médecins du Monde to show solidarity with the disaster victims in southern Asia

On Thursday, 19 May, as part of the VINCI Solidarity with Asia programme in support of the victims of the tsunami that ravaged southern Asia in December 2004, Antoine Zacharias, chairman and chief executive officer of VINCI, and Xavier Huillard, senior executive vice president, gave a cheque for €103,102 to Jacques Hintzy, president of UNICEF France, and another for €50,266 to Françoise Jeanson, president of Médecins du Monde.

VINCI decided to help the victims of the tidal wave by encouraging its employees to make donations to Médecins du Monde and UNICEF. The programme consisted of VINCI matching the sums donated by its employees to these two organisations between 3 January and 31 March 2005.

As a result of this solidarity initiative, €50,266 were collected for Médecins du Monde and €103,102 for UNICEF France. After VINCI's top-up payment, these sums amounted to €100,532 for Médecins du Monde and €206,204 for UNICEF. In addition, Cofiroute donated €50,000 to Médecins du Monde. The total contribution of the VINCI group amounted, therefore, to €356,736.

In addition to the donations, VINCI provided assistance locally from the beginning of the catastrophe by making the Phnom Penh airport in Cambodia available to speed up the handling of emergency supplies airlifted in by the UN's World Food Programme. The airport teams provided all the logistics and technical services necessary to operate the regional airbase: runway services, unloading, sorting, temporary storage and loading. Right from the outset, 100 to 150 tonnes of cargo a day (all-terrain vehicles, tents and high-calorie food) transited through the base to help the disaster victims.

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