

Press release

Thierry Déau appointed Chairman of Meridiam Infrastructure

Paris, 17 May 2006 **Thierry Déau** has been appointed Chairman of Meridiam Infrastructure, a fund set up by Crédit Agricole Private Equity to provide equity and quasi-equity financing for infrastructures developed under private-public partnerships.

Thierry Déau, 36, is a graduate of Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris. He began his career as a water industry engineer with GTM International. He joined Egis Projects in 1995 as head of development, financing and management of infrastructure projects and as a member of the board of several operating companies. In 2001, Mr Déau was named Chief Executive of Egis Projects. In 2004, he moved to the US engineering firm Aecom Global Technology to develop an independent business consisting of specialised investment in projects financed through private-public partnerships.

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