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**Cotecna is awarded an inspection contract in Bangladesh and opens two new offices.**

Cotecna is proud to announce the signature of a three year Preshipment Inspection (PSI) contract with the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. This contract which covers the inspection of imported goods commences on September 1st, 2005.

Four inspection companies have been selected to share the Preshipment inspection mandate which has been split into five geographical zones. Cotecna is the only company that has been awarded two zones by the Government of Bangladesh. Cotecna's geographical area covers the major exporting countries including China, Korea, Taiwan and Japan, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

"I am particularly proud of the confidence the government of Bangladesh places in Cotecna. Furthermore, this contract will allow Cotecna to reinforce its expansion strategy into Asia and opens up many new opportunities, in particular with China", says Robert Massey, CEO.

Cotecna has opened two new offices in Dhaka and Chittagong and will have an operational workforce of approximately sixty people by September 1st, 2005.

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Founded in Switzerland in 1974, the COTECNA Group offers a wide range of trade facilitation and trade security services, including the inspection of goods prior to shipment and at destination, the verification and certification of quality standards, the valuation and tariff code classification of any kind of tradable product. COTECNA is a pioneer in areas such as Risk Management, Destination Inspection, Scanner integration projects, Customs modernization programmes and Customs Valuation Assistance and Trade Security solutions. For a full description of our services, please visit [www.cotecna.com](http://www.cotecna.com). Currently, the COTECNA Group has a combined workforce of about 4,000 employees and agents in over 100 offices and holds 12 government inspection scheme contracts.