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## BOUYGUES PRESS RELEASE

### FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE: *LE CANARD ENCHAÎNÉ* ALLEGATIONS HELD LIBELLOUS

On 14 March 2012, the 17<sup>th</sup> division of the Paris District Court recognised that the article published by *Le Canard Enchaîné* on 7 December 2011 contained five libellous passages concerning Bouygues. Furthermore, the Court observed that *Le Canard Enchaîné* failed to provide any evidence that a judicial investigation into Bouygues was in progress. However, it recognised that the journalists had acted in good faith.

The Bouygues group welcomes the fact that the majority of the allegations made by *Le Canard Enchaîné* were found to be libellous.

The Court confirms that Bouygues is not under investigation for corruption in connection with the award of the contract for the French Ministry of Defence's new headquarters at Balard in Paris.

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