

**Company:** Holcim Granulats  
**Location:** Malancourt (Moselle), France

**Objective** To preserve an orchid under regional protection, located on the area of a future extraction site.

**Context** The orchid *Epipactis muelleri* was identified on the area impacted by the project by M. Robert (from the LPO), a natural scientist who has been going around the site for several years.

**Solution** Holcim committed itself to implement numerous compensatory measures, among which an experimental project of species transplantations.  
A state authorisation for the orchid transplantation was obtained in January 2007 (after a positive notification from the French national council for nature protection).

**Result** The transplantation job was conducted and consisted in moving 40 heads of orchid and in completing a report on the transplanting action.  
A scientific follow-up on this operation will continue during ten years after transplanting.

