

## HENRI POUPART-LAFARGE JOINS RHODIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Paris, May 14, 2009** – During its last meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, Rhodia's Board of Directors acknowledged the resignation of Jérôme Contamine, due to his new position at Sanofi-Aventis. At the same time, Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Chief Financial Officer of Alstom, was co-opted as a member of the Board.

*Henri Poupart-Lafarge* began his career in 1992 at the World Bank, Washington DC, before joining the French Ministry of Economy and Finance in 1994 in the Treasury Department and then as advisor to the Minister of Economy and Finance. He joined ALSTOM in 1998 where he was successively Head of Investors Relations, of Finance Controlling and since 2000, Senior Vice President Finance, for the Transmission & Distribution Sector. He was appointed Chief Financial Officer, ALSTOM, in October 2004. Henri Poupart-Lafarge, 40, is graduated from Polytechnique and Ponts et Chaussées French schools as well as from Massachussetts Institute of Technology.

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