

## PRESS RELEASE



**DANONE**

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### **Danone successfully completes € 3 bn rights issue Offering oversubscribed by 182%**

Danone announces today that it has successfully completed its € 3 bn rights issue of which the subscription period ended on Friday June 12th, 2009. The total demand for the offering amounted to approximately € 5.5 bn, reflecting an oversubscription rate of 182%. 121.0 mln new shares were subscribed based on irrevocable rights, representing 98.2% of the newly issued shares. Demand for excess shares by rights holders amounted to 102.8 million new shares, of which only 2.2 million new shares could be allocated.

123,236,352 new shares were offered at a subscription price of € 24.73 per share resulting in total gross proceeds of € 3,048 mln which will be used principally for the reduction of Danone's net financial debt, thereby enabling Danone to:

- strengthen its capital structure, reduce its financial leverage and improve its credit metrics; and
- increase its financial and strategic flexibility, with a view to supporting its organic growth model and financing small or mid-sized acquisitions.

The settlement of the rights offering as well as the delivery and listing of the new shares on Euronext Paris and on the SIX Swiss Exchange are expected to take place on Thursday June 25th 2009. The new shares will be fully fungible with the Company's existing shares and will be traded under the same ISIN code as the Company's existing shares, FR0000120644. The share capital of Danone will be comprised of 646,990,850 shares following the settlement of the rights issue.

The rights issue was managed by CALYON and J.P. Morgan acting as Joint Bookrunners. BNP PARIBAS, Citi, Lazard-NATIXIS and Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as Joint-Lead Managers and ABN AMRO, BANCO SANTANDER, Barclays Capital and HSBC as Co-Lead Managers.

#### **Information available to the public**

A prospectus approved by the French securities regulator, *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the "AMF") under No. 09-165 on May 28th, 2009 is available free of charge at the head office of Danone, through the above-named joint bookrunners, as well as on the websites of Danone ([www.danone.com](http://www.danone.com)) and the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)). The prospectus consists of (i) the annual report, the "*document de référence*", filed with the AMF on March 20th, 2009 under code D.09-0143, (ii) an update to the *document de référence* filed with the AMF on May 28th, 2009 under No D.09-0143-A01, and (iii) a securities note, *Note d'Opération*, (including a summary). Danone would specifically like to draw investors' attention to the risk factor sections in the prospectus.

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Danone is a Fortune 500 company and one of the most successful healthy food companies in the world. Its mission is to bring health through tasty, nutritious and affordable food and beverage products to as many people as possible. Fulfilling this mission is a major contributor to Danone's continuous fast growth. Danone with 160 plants and around 80,000 employees has a presence in all five continents and over 120 countries. In 2008, Danone recorded € 15.2 billion sales. Danone enjoys leading positions on healthy food in four businesses: fresh dairy products (n°1 worldwide), waters (n°2 on the packaged water market), baby nutrition (n°2 worldwide) and medical nutrition. Listed on Euronext Paris, Danone is also ranked among the main index of social responsibility: Dow Jones Sustainability Index Stoxx and World, ASPI Eurozone and Ethibel Sustainability index.

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