



Merger plan of Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne groups Nomination of future central body general management team

Paris, April 27, 2009 – Nicolas Duhamel, currently chief operating officer and chief financial officer of La Poste group, will join the group resulting from the merger of the Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne banks, as member of the Management Board in charge of Finance and as a member of the general management committee. He will assume these roles as of June 15, 2009.

Nicolas Duhamel, 55, was previously *inspecteur des finances* (auditor) at the French Ministry of Economy and Finance until 1984. He then held financial responsibilities in several companies: head of France Telecom's finance department from 1984 to 1988, finance director of Havas group (listed on the CAC 40) from 1993 to 1998, and chief operating officer of Vivendi Universal's publishing division until 2001. Since 2002, Nicolas Duhamel has been chief operating officer, finance director of La Poste group and member of its Executive Committee.

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