

Wendel's Combined Shareholders' Meeting Dividend: €1 per share

The shareholders of Wendel met in their Combined Shareholders' Meeting on Friday June 5, 2009 under the chairmanship of Ernest-Antoine Seillière. Shareholders representing 64% of the shares and 70% of the voting rights were present. In total, 750 shareholders voted on the resolutions presented at the Company's 2009 Shareholders' Meeting.

Among other things, shareholders voted to:

- approve the 2008 consolidated and parent company financial statements,
- approve the Company's net income and the distribution of a dividend of €1 per share. The ex-dividend date will be June 9 and the dividend will be paid from June 12, 2009.
- renew the terms of Messrs. Ernest-Antoine Seillière, Grégoire Olivier and Edouard de l'Espée as members of the Supervisory Board.
Mr. Seillière was re-elected Chairman of the Supervisory Board when the Board met following the Shareholders' Meeting with 88% of the vote.

The 19 resolutions were adopted by a very large majority.

The Executive Board reported to shareholders on the results of 2008 and the level of business activity in the 1st quarter of 2009. Against a difficult economic background, net income from business sectors, which reflected the performance of the Group's subsidiaries, advanced by 10% in 2008, highlighting the adjustment plans implemented by Group companies. In the 1st quarter of 2009, during which the recession deepened, the Group's consolidated net sales held firm, rising 1.5%. The Net Asset Value is 31 euros per share in May 2009.

The Chairman of the Governance Committee gave a detailed report on the compensation of corporate officers.

Finally, speaking for the first time at a full shareholders' meeting, Frédéric Lemoine, Chairman of the Executive Board, expressed confidence in the ability of Wendel, a sound and experienced Group composed of global leaders, to weather the current, unprecedented downturn.

In 2009, Mr. Lemoine said, "we must devote our energies to helping the Group's companies through the recession and to optimizing Wendel's financial flexibility. In this way, we will be ready to seize the opportunities for new investments that will present themselves in the 2010-11 timeframe."

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