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Public limited company with Board of Directors, with a capital of 204 225 819.25 Euros.
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Vilmorin reinforces its presence on the vegetable seeds market by taking control of the Turkish company Su Tarim

Through its subsidiary HM.Clause, Vilmorin has just purchased a majority stake of 51% in the Turkish company Su Tarim.

Su Tarim, one of Clause's historic partners, is based in Antalya and has an excellent commercial and technical network covering all the vegetable production areas in Turkey. The company has invested in recent research facilities and breeding programs suited to the local market, particularly in tomato, pepper and cucumber, and will therefore strengthen the presence of HM.Clause on a strategic market, and on which Vilmorin is a leading player.

With the agreement of the other shareholders of Su Tarim, Vilmorin has a contractual option to increase its stake in the medium term and acquire all the remaining stock.

Adrian HUIGE, Vilmorin's CEO declared, *"this new acquisition embodies Vilmorin's main orientations to deploy its strategy on the market for vegetable seeds: to develop our competitive position on key crops and in regions with high growth, one way being through targeted acquisitions. From its involvement in research right through to the distribution of seeds, Su Tarim will enable us to strengthen significantly and sustainably our influence in a country among the three main vegetable markets in Europe"*

COMING DISCLOSURES FOR 2009-2010 (after the close of the Paris stock market)

- > **Tuesday February 9th 2010:** sales for the first semester
- > **Wednesday February 24th 2010:** results for the first semester
- > **Monday May 3rd 2010:** sales at the end of the third quarter



Vilmorin is the fourth largest seed company in the world, and creates vegetable and field crops with high added value, thus helping to meet food needs more efficiently. Based on a responsible vision of its development, Vilmorin's strategy is a successful combination of its research capacity and constant international growth that strengthens its position as a world player. This ambition is founded on sharing knowledge, quality of life and respect for the needs of mankind, all expressed through its philosophy « **Cultivating the taste of life** ».

Listed on NYSE Euronext Paris (compartment B), Vilmorin's quotation is included in the Next 150, CAC Mid 100 and SBF 120 indices, and is eligible for SRD (Deferred Settlement Order).

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