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Vilmorin announces the successful completion of its €200 million share capital increase with upholding of the preferential subscription right: offering oversubscribed at 224 %

The share capital increase with upholding of the preferential subscription right launched on March 16th by Vilmorin was very largely oversubscribed with a total of subscription orders of 8,584,737 shares, representing approximately 224 % of the offering. 3,796,974 shares have been subscribed by irrevocable entitlement (*à titre irréductible*), i.e., 99.24 % of the shares to be issued. The subscription orders by entitlement subject to reduction (*à titre réductible*) have amounted to 4,787,763 shares and will therefore be only partly allotted, for 29,270 shares.

The gross amount of the transaction is thus € 200,112,561.20 and results in the issuance of 3,826,244 new shares.

Following the issuance, Groupe Limagrain holds 71.7 % of the share capital of Vilmorin.

The settlement and delivery of the new shares will occur on Thursday, April 15th. The new shares' admission on the NYSE Euronext Paris market is also scheduled for April 15th, in the same line as the Company's existing shares.

With the aim of thanking Vilmorin's shareholders who supported the transaction, Adrian Huige, Chief Executive Officer, said: "Armed with the trust shown by all of its shareholders, Vilmorin carries on its development plan with determination on its vegetable and field markets. Relying on a strengthened financial structure, Vilmorin is already working on speeding up its growth in accordance with the strategic priorities announced recently: intensifying the development of the vegetable activity, the set-up of innovative corn seeds and the internationalization of the competitive positions in wheat".

Natixis and Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking have acted as Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners in the share capital increase. Oddo Corporate Finance was instructed by Vilmorin as financial advisor on the transaction.

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NEXT RELEASES OF 2009-2010 FINANCIAL YEAR

Monday, May 3rd, 2010, at the end of day: 3rd quarter sales.

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010, at the end of the day: yearly sales.

Wednesday, October 6th, 2010, at the end of the day: yearly results.



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 A), Vilmorin's shares are included in the Next 150, CAC Mid 100 and SBF 120 indices, and are eligible for SRD (Deferred Settlement Order).
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Information available to the public

Copies of the French prospectus approved by the French financial markets authority (AMF) are available free of charge from Vilmorin, 4, quai de la Mégisserie, 75001 Paris, on the Company's website (www.vilmorin.info) and on the AMF's website (www.amf-france.org), as well as from the Lead Managers and Joint Lead Bookrunners.

The French prospectus, approved by the AMF under visa No. 10-046 dated March 15, 2010, consists of Vilmorin's 2008-2009 "*Document de Référence*", filed with the AMF on November 6, 2009 under number D.09-0742, the Update of the "*Document de Référence*" filed with the AMF on February 24, 2010 under number D.09-0742-A01, a Securities Note, ("*Note d'Opération*") and a summary of the French prospectus.

Vilmorin draws the attention of the public on the risk factors and uncertainties set out in the Risk Factors ("*Facteurs de Risque*") section of the French Prospectus approved by the AMF, which may affect the actual results, financial condition, performance or forward-looking statements.

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