

Message from Didier Lombard

"I have decided today to give up my role as Special Adviser, which was offered to me when I handed over my mandate as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and to leave the company. I have taken this decision in the best interests of France Telecom, a company with which I have consecrated the best part of my professional career.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all employees of France Telecom who have contributed to the development of a healthy, dynamic Group that has a rich future ahead. In this fast-changing environment, I am convinced that the direction that the Group has taken over the past few years is the right one. I deeply regret the suffering and the incomprehension that resulted from this inevitable need for change.

I now hope that the Group will be able to move forward with dignity and confidence, pursuing its development both in France and internationally, under the direction of Stéphane Richard."

About Orange

France Telecom-Orange is one of the world's leading telecommunications operators with 169,000 employees worldwide, including 102,000 employees in France, and sales of 45.5 billion euros in 2010. Present in 32 countries, the Group had a customer base of 209.6 million customers at the end of 2010, including 139.7 million customers under the Orange brand, the Group's single brand for internet, television and mobile services in the majority of countries where the company operates. At 31 December 2010, the Group had 150.4 million mobile customers and 13.7 million broadband internet (ADSL, fibre) customers worldwide. Orange is one of the main European operators for mobile and broadband internet services and, under the brand Orange Business Services, is one of the world leaders in providing telecommunication services to multinational companies.

With its industrial project, "conquests 2015", Orange is simultaneously addressing its employees, customers and shareholders, as well as the society in which the company operates, through a concrete set of action plans. These commitments are expressed through a new vision of human resources for employees; through the deployment of a network infrastructure upon which the Group will build its future growth; through the Group's ambition to offer a superior customer experience thanks in particular to improved quality of service; and through the acceleration of international development

France Telecom (NYSE:FTE) is listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A) and on the New York Stock Exchange.

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