

Public limited company with Board of Directors, with a capital of 262 576 040.25 Euros. Head Office: 4, Quai de la Mégisserie - F-75001 PARIS SIREN Paris 377 913 728 Fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th NYSE Euronext Paris (Compartment A) - Eligible for Deferred Settlement Order

October 30<sup>th</sup> 2012

## **ACQUISITION OF CENTURY SEEDS. VEGETABLE SEEDS. INDIA**

Vilmorin has just acquired the company Century Seeds, based in Delhi, India. This privately held company, specialized in vegetable seeds, owns a wide range of varieties derived from their high quality breeding programs in more than ten species, including cauliflower, pepper, cabbage, tomato and other vegetables mainly consumed in Asia. Its extensive production and sales networks, particularly in the northern part of India, constitute key assets.

Century Seeds and its headcount of almost 90 people, all of whom are included in the acquisition, will join the HM.Clause Business Unit and locally, its subsidiary Clause India, based in Hyderabad (state of Andhra Pradesh).

This operation considerably strengthens the vegetable seeds division presence in India, a market which is growing fast, and eventually moving into 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Asia, after China. It will immediately double the size of the new entity, representing almost 5% of the vegetable seeds market, with sales close to 8 million Euros. Local breeding will be intensified through this operation, creating new development perspectives in India and more generally in Asia.

## COMING DISCLOSURES AND EVENTS (\* at the end of trading on the Paris stock market)

Tuesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 2012\*: sales for the first quarter 2012-2013

Wednesday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 2012: Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders in Paris

Monday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 2012: dividend detachment

Thursday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2012: payment of the dividends

Tuesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 2013: sales for the first semester 2012-2013 Tuesday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 2013: results for the first semester 2012-2013



As the world's fourth largest seed company, Vilmorin develops vegetable and field seeds with high added value, to better meet global food requirements.

True to its vision of sustainable development, Vilmorin relies on ongoing investments in research and international growth to strengthen its market shares. An ambition that is driven by its corporate culture which is based on the sharing of knowledge, quality of life and respect for the needs of mankind.

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