



ALBIOMA

PRESS RELEASE

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GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF MAY 30, 2013

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Albioma announces that the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders held today at 3pm at the Centre Marceau auditorium in Paris approved by a large majority all resolutions put before it. Detailed results of the votes and information on quorum will shortly be posted on the company's website, www.albioma.com.

Séchilienne Sidec becomes Albioma

The General Meeting of Shareholders approved the proposal put before it to change the company's name. Séchilienne Sidec thus becomes Albioma. This new name, together with the new visual identity that was presented to the shareholders at the General Meeting, will support the group's strategy to develop its activities in the energetic valorization of biomass resources.

"We are proud of this new corporate identity, which is designed to serve our strategy and our international ambitions", declared Jacques PÉTRY. "This opens a new chapter in our history."

Shares will be negotiated under the new name starting on June 4, 2013 (ticker: ABIO).

Three new members on the board of directors

During the General Meeting, the shareholders voted to renew the directorships of Mr. Jacques PÉTRY and of société Financière Hélios. The shareholders also approved the proposal to appoint three new directors, that had been announced on May 2, 2013. Michèle REMILLIEUX, Daniel VALOT and Jean-Carlos ANGULO thus join the Board of Directors, where they will use their expertise and long international experience to further the group's long-term growth.

The newly constituted Board of Directors confirmed Mr. Jacques PÉTRY in his role as Chairman and CEO. Madame REMILLIEUX was appointed Chairwoman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, while Mr. VALOT and Mrs. Myriam MAESTRONI will respectively chair the Audit, Accounts and Risks Committee and the Environmental and Social Responsibility Committee.



"Personally and on behalf of the entire Board of Directors I once again extend my thanks to Mr. Jean STERN, Mr. Guy RICO and Mr. Xavier LENCOU-BAREME, for their important contribution to the Group's success," said Jacques PÉTRY. "The nine-member Board now has five independent directors, including two women, each of whom chair a Group Committee."

€0.59 dividend per share for financial year 2012

The shareholders approved a dividend of €0.59 per share and an option for shareholders to have up to 50% of their dividends paid in shares. In case the option is exercised, the new shares will be issued at a unit price of 12.24 euros. The option to have dividends paid in new company shares must be exercised in the period June 10-25, inclusive. The distribution of cash dividends and new shares will take place on July 5, 2013. The technical details of the dividend share option will be outlined in a separate release.

Albioma aims to foster shareholder loyalty

The General Meeting also approved a plan to foster shareholder loyalty, in keeping with the Company's ambition to establish lasting relations (particularly with its numerous retail investors) and to build shareholder support for the Group's strategy.

An extra 10% will be added to the dividend payment due to those who have held shares in the Group in the registered form (whether pure or administered) for at least two years after January 1, 2014. This measure will apply whether the dividend payment is in the form of cash or new shares. The first 10% enhancement will be accorded in 2016 on any dividend due for the financial year ended December 31, 2015.

ABOUT ALBIOMA

Using its unique expertise in exploiting bagasse (a by-product of sugar cane), ALBIOMA is able to produce electric energy from every type of biomass through a cogeneration process. The Group's ambition is to be recognized as agri-businesses' partner of choice for turning biomass into a highly-effective source of energy without conflict over use. In addition, ALBIOMA develops and operates high-margin solar projects.

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