SHARE BUYBACK PROGRAM

Monthly announcement of treasury share transactions

Issuer: **Essilor International**

Share category: ordinary shares (ISIN: FR 0000121667)
Description of the program presented in the Registration Document submitted to the French securities regulator (AMF) on March 30, 2009.

Charenton-le-Pont (March 23, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.) – In accordance with Article 241-4 of the AMF's *Règlement Général* and in line with the share buyback program approved by shareholders at their Annual Meeting of May 15, 2009, Essilor International hereby announces that the following share buybacks were conducted between **March 1, 2010 and March 18, 2010**:

Session	Number of shares purchased	Weighted average price (in €)	Amount (in €)
01/03/2010	31,000	44.9108	1,392,234.80
02/03/2010	112,900	44.9532	5,075,216.28
03/03/2010	49,180	44.3662	2,181,929.72
04/03/2010	11,000	44.5370	489,907.00
09/03/2010	9,000	45.9556	413,600.40
10/03/2010	35,000	46.2894	1,620,129.00
11/03/2010	135,331	46.5544	6,300,253.51
12/03/2010	31,372	46.2836	1,452,009.10
15/03/2010	61,640	46.5853	2,871,517.89
16/03/2010	30,000	46.7791	1,403,337.00
17/03/2010	76,000	47.0322	3,574,447.20
18/03/2010	83,000	46.9769	3,899,082.70
TOTAL	**665,423**		**30,673,664.59**

These transactions did not involve the use of derivative instruments.

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The Essilor share trades on the NYSE Euronext Paris market and is included in the CAC 40 index. Codes and symbols: ISIN: FR FR0000121667; Reuters: ESSI.PA; Bloomberg: EI:FP

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