



News Release

## Paul du Saillant and Laurent Vacherot Appointed Chief Operating Officers

Charenton-le-Pont, France (November 29, 2010 – 6:30 a.m.) – To support deployment of corporate strategy, Essilor's Chief Executive Officer, Hubert Sagnières, has appointed two Chief Operating Officers from within the Executive Committee.

**Paul du Saillant** is in charge of Research and Development as well as Quality. He also heads the Europe Region. In addition, he will take on responsibility for Global Operations starting in the first half of 2011.

**Laurent Vacherot**, in addition to overseeing Corporate Finance, heads Information Systems & Technology and Investor Relations. The Latin America Region is also placed under his supervision. The Equipment and Instrument Divisions will be added to his remit during the first half of next year.

- Paul du Saillant, 51, worked at Air Liquide for nearly 20 years before joining Lhoist as Chief Operating Officer and moving on to Essilor in 2008. He holds a degree from the Ecole Centrale de Paris engineering school.
- Laurent Vacherot, 54, joined Essilor in 1991 as Corporate Senior Vice President, Management Accounting. He headed operations in Canada and then the United States before taking on the role of Chief Financial Officer in 2007. Mr. Vacherot is a graduate of a French engineering school, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Paris.

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The Company reported consolidated revenue of more than €3.2 billion in 2009, with 34,700 employees and operations in 100 countries.

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