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PRESS RELEASE

May 4, 2012

General Shareholders' Meeting of CFAO to be held on May 25, 2012

Availability of preparatory documentation

CFAO informs its shareholders that its Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting will be held on Friday May 25, 2012 at 2.30 pm at Palais Brongniart, Salon d'honneur, entrance in front of 40, rue Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, 75002 Paris.

The Notice of Meeting (*Avis de réunion*) containing the agenda and the draft resolutions was published in the French Bulletin of legal notices (*Bulletin des annonces légales obligatoires* or *BALO*) dated April 13, 2012 and the Convening Notice (*Avis de convocation*) was published in the BALO dated May 4, 2012. English translations of these notices are available on the website of CFAO at <http://www.cfaogroup.com> (under Finance/Regulated Information).

Documents and information relating to this meeting, and in particular the information mentioned under Article R.225-83 of the French Commercial Code are available to the shareholders as from May 4, 2012 at CFAO's headquarters or upon request to CACEIS Corporate Trust – Service Assemblées Générales Centralisées – 14, rue Rouget de Lisle, 92 862 Issy-les-Moulineaux cedex 9, France, under the legal and regulatory conditions and deadlines.

It shall be noted that this information is mostly contained in the Annual Report or Reference Document of CFAO for 2011, which of an English version is available on the website of CFAO and which the French version was filed with the French *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* on April 6, 2012. They can also be found in the website of CFAO (under « Annual Shareholders' Meeting ») in compliance with Article R.225-73-1 of the French Commercial Code.

About CFAO

CFAO is a leader in specialised distribution for its core businesses of automotive and pharmaceutical distribution in Africa and French overseas territories. The firm also deals in machinery and equipment, the production and distribution of consumer goods and technological services in Africa. CFAO operates in 34 countries, 32 of which are in Africa, and in seven French overseas territories, with a payroll of 10,100 at end 2011.

In 2011, CFAO generated consolidated turnover of €3,124 million and recorded operating income of €256.3 million.

CFAO is listed on NYSE Euronext in Paris and is included in the SBF120 and CAC Mid 60 indices.

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