



PRESS RELEASE

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CAPITAL REDUCTION BY CANCELLATION OF SHARES

In the context of the 2011 and 2012 share buyback programs, Bureau Veritas (the “Company”) purchased 791,569 shares of its own shares as of the 2nd of April until the 30th of November 2012 (outside the scope of the liquidity agreement).

Pursuant to the authorization conferred by the 23rd resolution of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders’ Meeting of May 27, 2011, the Company’s Board of Directors, at its meeting of December 11, 2012, decided to cancel 291,366 of the shares bought back, representing 0.26% of the share capital and gave all powers to the chief Executive Officer at this end.

Accordingly, after the legal formalities of cancellation performed, the Company’s share capital will amount to EUR 13,188,315.12 divided into 109,902,626 shares.

After taking into account the cancellation of shares, the number of outstanding shares (including stock options exercised as of November 30th, 2012) is 110,476,286.