

Ciba Inc.
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Basel, Switzerland

News Release

Ciba Annual General Meeting 2008

- ***General meeting approved dividend of 2.50 CHF per share***
- ***Gertrud Höhler and Armin Meyer reelected as members of Board***
- ***Strategy: Invest in strengths, grow profitably, extract value and improve operational efficiency***
- ***Focus 2008: Margin management and new innovation approach***

At the eleventh Annual General Meeting, held at the Congress Center Basel, Switzerland, on March 7, 2008, the shareholders of Ciba Holding Inc. approved all the motions proposed by the Board of Directors. The 1081 shareholders in attendance represented 18,121,705 of the votes, or 26.2 percent of the 69,064,617 registered shares.

The Annual General Meeting approved the proposal by the Board of Directors for a dividend of CHF 2.50 per share. The shareholders also approved the discharge of the Board of Directors and the management from liability for their activities in 2007.

In accord with the Board's proposals, Gertrud Höhler and Armin Meyer were reelected as members of the Board for terms of three and four years, respectively.

The proposal to change the holding company name to Ciba Holding Inc. was approved by a large majority of shareholders. The name change, which was implemented in the group companies last year, was thereby concluded.

In addition, shareholders approved an amendment to the Articles of Association. The Annual General Meeting also confirmed Ernst & Young AG, Zurich, as Auditors and Group Auditors.

The next annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2009.

Presidential address by Armin Meyer

In his address, Armin Meyer, Chairman of the Board of Ciba, explained the strategic priorities of the company:

"2007 was a turning point for Ciba. The big strategic milestones are behind us, and they are starting to deliver positive results. Our strategy continues to focus on investing into our strengths, on profitable growth, on securing value and on improving operational efficiency. Going forward, we will strive for organic growth

and support our positions by adding complementary technology through small or mid-sized 'bolt-on' acquisitions.

Ciba has the advantage of being focused and yet relatively broad in its portfolio and presence – geographically as well as in terms of the industries it serves. Sales and assets are well balanced across all continents. We are well positioned in regions where we want to grow, especially in China and the Middle East but also in South America and Eastern Europe.”

Brendan Cummins explains 2007 results and future priorities

Brendan Cummins, Chief Executive Officer of Ciba, commented:

“2007 was undoubtedly a demanding year for Ciba. Our progress shows we are on the right course. The Operational Agenda is taking hold, helping us counter higher costs with higher efficiency. At the same time, it is supporting our efforts to thrive in even highly competitive markets with focused innovation and excellence in marketing and sales.

Going forward, I expect every Ciba business to earn its cost of capital. Ciba will also put an aggressive emphasis on margin management. Actively managing our portfolio of businesses and products will continue to be a crucial part of our efforts to grow profitably. With a new approach to innovation, we will also strengthen our focus on technologies that offer the highest growth and profit potential.”

Ciba (SWX: CIBN) is a leading global company dedicated to producing high-value effects for its customers' products. We strive to be the partner of choice for our customers, offering them innovative products and one-stop expert service. We create effects that improve the quality of life – adding performance, protection, color and strength to plastics, paper, automobiles, buildings, home and personal care products and much more. Ciba is active in more than 120 countries around the world and is committed to being a leader in its chosen markets. In 2007, the Company generated sales of CHF 6.5 billion from continued operations and invested over CHF 260 million in R&D.

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- ***Press release***
- ***Presidential address 2008 by Armin Meyer, Chairman of the Board (pdf)***
- ***Presentation by Brendan Cummins, Chief Executive Officer (pdf)***
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Financial calendar

- ***March 12, 2008: Dividend payment date***
- ***April 29, 2008: First Quarter 2008 financial results***
- ***August 21, 2008: Half Year 2008 financial results***
- ***November 5, 2008: Nine Month 2008 financial results***
- ***February 10, 2009: Full year results 2008***
- ***March 13, 2009: Annual General Meeting 2009***

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