



News Release

Annual General Meeting 2008 of Barry Callebaut AG: All motions approved by shareholders

Zurich, Switzerland, December 4, 2008 – The ordinary Annual General Meeting of Barry Callebaut AG, the world's leading manufacturer of cocoa and chocolate products, was held on Thursday, December 4, 2008, in Zurich under the chairmanship of Andreas Jacobs, Chairman of the Board. All motions proposed by the Board were adopted. 1,006 shareholders attended the meeting, representing 3,902,820 shares or 75.49% of the share capital.

The shareholders confirmed the re-election of Rolando Benedick, Markus Fiechter, Andreas Jacobs, Stefan Pfander, Andreas Schmid and Urs Widmer for another term of office of one year. In addition, the shareholders elected Mr. James 'Jim' L. Donald, former President & Chief Executive Officer of Starbucks Corporation, as a new member of the Board of Directors.

Furthermore, the shareholders approved the proposed par value reduction and repayment of CHF 11.50 per registered share, instead of a dividend payment, and the amendment of the respective provision of the articles of association. The payment of the par value reduction is expected to take place at the beginning of March 2009, free of charges and net of income and withholding tax for shareholders with tax domicile in Switzerland.

KPMG AG, Zurich, were re-elected as auditors and Group auditors of the company for fiscal year 2008/09.

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Barry Callebaut (www.barry-callebaut.com):

With annual sales of more than CHF 4.8 billion for fiscal year 2007/08, Zurich-based Barry Callebaut is the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality cocoa and chocolate – from the cocoa bean to the finished product on the store shelf. Barry Callebaut is present in 26 countries, operates about 40 production facilities and employs more than 7,000 people. The company serves the entire food industry, from food manufacturers to professional users of chocolate (such as chocolatiers, pastry chefs or bakers), to global retailers. It also provides a comprehensive range of services in the fields of product development, processing, training and marketing.

Fiscal year 2007/08 closed on August 31, 2008.

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