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Jean-François Palus
Chief Financial Officer

Attestation of the person responsible for the Reference Document

To my knowledge, after having taken all reasonable measures for this purpose, I hereby attest that the information presented in this Reference Document fairly reflects the current situation and that no material omissions have been made.

I have obtained from KPMG Audit and Deloitte & Associés, the statutory auditors, a letter drawn up at the end of their audit engagement in which they state that they have carried out procedures in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, verified the information relating to the financial position and the financial statements presented in this Reference Document and have read the Reference Document in full.

Paris, April 11, 2006

Chief Financial Officer
Jean-François Palus

Statutory Auditors

Principal Statutory Auditors

KPMG Audit Department of KPMG SA
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Jean-Paul Picard Antoine de Riedmatten

Date of first appointment

Annual General Meeting of June 18, 1992

Annual General Meeting of May 18, 1994

Term of appointment and expiry date

From May 25, 2004 until the Annual General Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

From May 21, 2002 until the Annual General Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Deputy Statutory Auditors

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Date of the first appointment

Annual General Meeting of May 25, 2004

Annual General Meeting of May 19, 2005

Term of appointment and expiry date

From May 25, 2004 until the Annual General Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

From May 19, 2005 until the Annual General Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Document and the Statutory Auditors

In accordance with Article 28 of EC Regulation no. 809/2004 of April 29, 2004, this Reference Document incorporates by reference the following information to which the reader is invited to refer:

- With respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004: key figures, activity report, consolidated financial statements, parent company financial statements and the related statutory auditors' reports appearing in the Reference Document which was filed on April 11, 2005 with the French Financial Markets Authority, the AMF or *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*, on pages 6 to 9, 122 to 141, 160 to 220, 222 to 237, 221 and 245, respectively;
- With respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003: key figures, activity report, consolidated financial statements, parent company financial statements and the related statutory auditors' reports appearing in the Reference Document which was filed on March 16, 2004 with the French Financial Markets Authority, the AMF or *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*, on pages 7 to 8, 46 to 64, 127 to 185, 192 to 207, 126 and 187, respectively.

The information included in these two Reference Documents, other than that referred to above, has been, if necessary, replaced or updated by the information included in this Reference Document. These two Reference Documents are available under the conditions described in Section 24 "Documents available to the public" of this Reference Document.



This Reference Document was filed with the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* on April 11, 2006, in accordance with Article 212-13 of its General Regulations. It may be used in support of any financial transaction if it is supplemented by a prospectus approved by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*.