

November 12th 2009

Public limited company with Board of Directors, with a capital of 204 225 819.25 Euros.
 Head Office: 4, Quai de la Mégisserie – F-75001 PARIS
 Registration 377 913 728 Paris
 Fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th

STRONG DYNAMIC GROWTH IN SALES FOR THE 1ST QUARTER 2009-2010: + 11%*

SALES FOR THE 1ST QUARTER 2009-2010

The consolidated sales of Vilmorin for the first quarter 2009-2010, closing on September 30th 2009, stood at 148.3 million Euros, an increase of 14.6% with current data, and 11.1% like for like.

In millions of Euros	2008-2009	2009-2010	Variation*
Vegetable seeds activity	77.9	84	+ 4.9%
Field seeds activity	37.2	49.6	+ 25.7%
Garden products activity	14.1	14.5	+ 5.5%
Holdings	0.2	0.2	+ 13.3%
Group	129.4	148.3	+ 11.1%

* Like for like

Accounting reference and consolidation scope

Consolidated financial information is established in compliance with the IFRS reference (International Financial Reporting Standards), as adopted by the European Union on September 30th 2009.

The main change in the consolidation scope was the acquisition of Clovis Matton (Belgium), in August 2009 and now globally integrated in the financial statements for 2009-2010.

Comments

- For the first quarter of fiscal 2009-2010, sales for the vegetable seeds activity came to 84 million Euros, an increase of 7.7% compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year.
 Restated like for like, the increase was 4.9%.

The vegetable seeds activity has made a very positive start to fiscal 2009-2010 with a large increase in sales in Europe and in North America, and commercial redeployment in the Mediterranean basin.

Sales for the field seeds activity for the first quarter came to 49.6 million Euros, an increase of 33.4%; like for like the increase was 25.7%:

- in Europe, the autumn season has been crowned by an excellent rape seed campaign, reflecting the quality of the product line-up, and a recovery of the activity on markets in Eastern Europe. Furthermore, the first part of the sales campaign for straw cereals is continuing in a satisfactory manner, marked in Western Europe by a certain earliness.
 - on the North American market, orders for the coming spring season (corn, soybean) are going ahead according to defined objectives.
- Sales for the garden products activity on September 30th 2009 came to 14.5 million Euros, up 2.9% compared with the same period for the previous fiscal year. Restated like for like, this increase was 5.5%, particularly due to a strong increase in sales via the Internet in the United Kingdom.

OUTLOOK FOR 2009-2010

Sales for the first quarter represent, on average, less than 15% of annual sales. Taking into account information provided above, Vilmorin confirms perspectives for an increase in sales and margins for the fiscal year 2009-2010 as announced in October.

COMING DISCLOSURES

- > **Tuesday December 8th at 10.00:** annual General Meeting of Shareholders, Maison des Arts et Métiers - 9 bis, avenue d'Iéna - Paris 16^{ème}.
- > **Tuesday February 9th 2010 at the end of the day:** disclosure of sales for the first semester of fiscal 2009-2010.



Vilmorin is the fourth largest seed company in the world, and creates vegetable and field crops with high added value, thus helping to meet food needs more efficiently. Based on a responsible vision of its development, Vilmorin's strategy is a successful combination of its research capacity and constant international growth that strengthens its position as a world player. This ambition is founded on sharing knowledge, quality of life and respect for the needs of mankind, all expressed through its philosophy « **Cultivating the taste of life** ».

Listed on NYSE Euronext Paris (compartment B), Vilmorin's quotation is included in the Next 150, CAC Mid 100 and SBF 120 indices, and is eligible for SRD (Deferred Settlement Order).

ISIN code: FR0000052516 (RIN).



For any further information, please contact:

Daniel JACQUEMOND
Chief Financial Officer
daniel.jacquemond@vilmorin.info

Claire PLANCHE
Financial Communication Officer
claire.planche@vilmorin.info

Vilmorin & Cie
BP 1 – F-63720 CHAPPES - France
Tel: + 33 (0)4 73 63 41 95 - Fax: + 33 (0)4 73 63 41 80
www.vilmorin.info