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Public limited company with Board of Directors, with a capital of 204 225 819,25 euros.
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Fiscal year from July 1st until June 30th



**VILMORIN EXTENDS ITS EXPERTISE IN WHEAT
BY PURCHASING A STAKE IN
AUSTRALIAN GRAIN TECHNOLOGIES (AGT)**

Vilmorin has just signed a strategic partnership with the Australian company Australian Grain Technologies (AGT).

In agreement with the other shareholders of AGT, Vilmorin has purchased a stake of 25% in the company's stock. Moreover, Vilmorin and AGT will begin joint development in the coming months of new research programs and technology exchanges for wheat.

Founded in 2002 through the merger of different public and private institutes, AGT has become today's leading Australian company for the breeding, development and distribution of novel wheat varieties.

Its shareholders are GRDC (Grains Research and Development Corporation), SARDI (South Australian Research and Development Institute), the Universities of Adelaide and Sydney along with Grain Corporation Pty Ltd.

As Adrian HUIGE, CEO for Vilmorin emphasized:

“This operation is an important step in the development of our wheat seed activities.

Already the European leader in straw cereals (wheat, barley), through its partnership with AGT, Vilmorin will extend new international opportunities in these activities to new markets and has widened its access to new resources.”

COMING DISCLOSURES FOR FISCAL 2007-2008

Tuesday August 5th 2008 at the end of the day: disclosure of the sales for the year.

Tuesday October 7th 2008 at the end of the day: disclosure of the results for the year.

Vilmorin is the fourth largest seed company in the world, and expert in the creation of novel vegetable and field crop plants. Based on a sustainable, 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 word player.

Listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A), Vilmorin's quotation is included in the Next 150, CAC Mid 100, SBF 250 indices and is eligible for SRD.

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