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**Vilmorin initiates the process to purchase a minority stake in the Chinese company Yuanlongping High-Tech Agriculture**

Vilmorin has announced the signature of a strategic alliance with the Chinese company Hunan Xindaxin Co. Ltd, the reference shareholder for the seeds company Yuanlongping High-Tech Agriculture ("LPHT").

This agreement, which has just been submitted to the Chinese authorities for prior approval, has been signed to set up a joint-venture in which Vilmorin Hong Kong Limited (a subsidiary held 100% by Vilmorin) will hold a stake of 46.5%.

Based in Changsha, a province of Hunan, LPHT is one of the major Chinese seeds companies; today it is one of the world leaders in hybrid rice, and has an excellent reputation in vegetable seeds, particularly hybrid peppers.

LPHT has been listed on the Shenzhen stock market since 2000, and made consolidated sales in 2006 of nearly 95 millions euros.

As Adrian HUIGE, Vilmorin's General Manager insisted "This agreement fits in totally with our strategy, constituting a key stage for the development of Vilmorin in China. Potentially, it is a significant factor in the acceleration of our growth in Asia, which has become the largest area in the world for the sale of vegetable and field seeds. Furthermore, it will provide us with access to a major research program in hybrid rice".

**Coming publications**

**Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the end of the day:** publication of annual sales for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

**Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the end of the day:** publication of the annual results for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

**Monday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the end of the day:** publication of annual sales at the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year 2007-2008.

*Vilmorin is the fourth largest seeds company in the world, expert in the creation of innovative vegetable and field crop plants. Its strategy and growth perspectives, combined with a responsible view of its development, make its stock a long-term, high-profit security investment.*

*Listed on Euronext Paris since 1993, Vilmorin's quotation is included in the Next 150, CAC Mid 100 and SBF 250 indices.*

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