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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 to June 30th

## **VILMORIN HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS CONVERTIBLE INTO AND/OR EXCHANGEABLE FOR NEW OR EXISTING SHARES (OCEANE)**

Vilmorin launched on May 29, 2008 an offering of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares (OCEANE) with an initial offering size of €130 million. The total amount of the issuance of OCEANE has been increased on June 3, 2008 to approximately €150 million following the exercise in full of the increase option.

This issue will enable the company to strengthen its financial structure. The proceeds will be used for the company's general financing needs, in particular to intensify its two development areas - research and international development - with the objective of pursuing expansion and consolidating its position as the fourth largest seeds producer worldwide, especially through the pursuit of a targeted external growth strategy. This issue will also enable the company to strengthen, as the case may be, its consolidated shareholders' equity if the OCEANE are converted and/or exchanged.

Lead managed by HSBC Bank plc and Lazard-Natixis, the offering has been mainly subscribed by French and European investors.

*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, its strategy is a successful combination of research and international growth. Listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A), Vilmorin's quotation is included in the Next 150, CAC Mid 100 and SBF 250 indices and is eligible for SRD.*  
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