



**Annual results for 2004-2005:
An increase of 12% in consolidated net income**

The annual financial statements approved by the Board of Vilmorin Clause & Cie for the fiscal year ending on June 30th 2005 show a consolidated net income of 35.4 million euros, the Group share of which is 33 million euros.

<i>In millions of euros</i>	2003-2004	2004-2005	Variation
SALES	492.2	498.0	+ 1.2%
<i>PROFESSIONAL</i>	<i>292.5</i>	<i>301.8</i>	<i>+ 3.1%</i>
<i>HOME GARDEN</i>	<i>199.7</i>	<i>196.2</i>	<i>- 1.8%</i>
OPERATING INCOME	50.7	51.8	+ 2.2%
NET INCOME	31.6	35.4	+ 12.0%
NET INCOME GROUP SHARE	30.2	33.0	+ 9.3%

COMMENTS ON 2004-2005 ANNUAL STATEMENTS

After a fiscal year for 2003-2004 showing sustained growth in its business activities and a strong increase in its profitability, for its fiscal year 2004-2005 Vilmorin Clause & Cie has once again performed well both in sales and profits.

Since the majority stake acquired in its Japanese subsidiary Kyowa Seeds (of which 40% was held previously) was not finalized until March 31st 2005, Vilmorin Clause & Cie consolidated the accounts of this company through proportional integration until the end of the third quarter and then through global integration for the fourth quarter.

Consolidated sales reached 498 million euros on June 30th 2005, up 1.2% compared with the previous year on a reported basis. Like-for-like, the increase amounts to 1.8%.

After accounting for inventory destruction covered by provisions, the commercial margin reached 69.3%, up by 1.8 point compared to 2003-2004.

These figures confirm the trend of previous years, showing that Vilmorin Clause & Cie has the capacity to develop regular profitable organic growth throughout its business.

The consolidated operating income rose slightly compared to the previous year, reaching 51.8 million euros recording an operating margin of 10.4 % with current data.

This margin suffered both from the impact of exceptional streamlining and re-organizational charges, particularly for the German subsidiary Flora Frey, and from the effects of variation in scope and currency rates. Restated for these operations, the operating margin would stand at 10.9%.

The financial income shows a net expense, of 3.2 million euros as opposed to 2.6 million euros in 2003-2004.

The extraordinary result showed a net charge, after income taxes, of 1.7 million euros, whereas last year it balanced out at zero.

Finally, the net margin reached 7.1% of consolidated sales compared to 6.4% in 2003-2004.

Moreover, on June 30th 2005, the balance sheet structure of Vilmorin Clause & Cie continues to show good debt control.

Thus, net of cash and bank, and restated for securitization operations, total net indebtedness came to 63 million euros and now represents only 18 % of equity.

DIVIDEND

The Board of Vilmorin Clause & Cie has decided to propose to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders a net dividend of 4.85 euros corresponding to a pay-out rate of 47 %.

This dividend will be paid as of December 21st next.

OUTLOOK

Fiscal 2004-2005 was globally on line with the objective set initially, and was characterized by sustained organic growth in the Professional Division, with varying fortunes for the different companies in the Home Garden Division, along with ongoing integration operations for newly acquired companies.

For the 2005-2006 fiscal year, Vilmorin Clause & Cie has once again set the objective of expanding its business activities and profitability at the average level it has in previous years.

NEW STAGES IN THE REORIENTATION OF THE HOME GARDEN BUSINESS

Last May, Vilmorin Clause & Cie presented a medium-term action plan to refocus its portfolio of Home Garden business progressively on the main European gardening markets. This plan emphasized, in particular, a growth model capitalizing long-term on an active policy of innovation concentrating on a well-targeted number of activities.

The main orientations of this plan have been laid down for all the European subsidiaries.

Furthermore, in Germany, Flora Frey launched a vast streamlining plan in June, with the immediate implementation of a reduction in the workforce.

COMING PUBLICATIONS

A full version of the corporate and consolidated accounts will be published in French in the "Bulletin des Annonces Légales Obligatoires" on October 12th 2005.

Sales for the first quarter of the fiscal year for 2005-2006 will be published at the end of the day on November 8th 2005.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held on December 13th 2005 in Paris (Maison des Arts et Métiers – Club d'Iéna – 9 bis, avenue d'Iéna - PARIS 16^{ème}).

World leader at the cutting edge of innovation, Vilmorin Clause & Cie has been creating, producing and marketing vegetable seeds for vegetable production markets and outdoor leisure for 260 years.

Its strategy and growth perspectives combined with a responsible view of its development, make its stock an efficient and high-profit security.

Listed on the Eurolist of Euronext Paris since 1993, Vilmorin Clause & Cie's quotation is included in the CAC Mid 100 and SBF 250 indices.

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