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Par value reduction at COLTENE on July, 14, 2008

- Paying back CHF 23 million to shareholders
- Par value reduction as agreed at last Annual General Meeting

Wattwil, July 14, 2008. **COLTENE Holding AG (SWX: CLTN), an internationally leading developer and manufacturer of dental consumables, will reduce the par value of its registered shares from CHF 5.00 to CHF 0.10 as agreed at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on April 16, 2008. COLTENE will thus return CHF 23 millions to the shareholders.**

COLTENE Holding AG reduces the par value of its registered shares effective as at July, 14, 2008 from CHF 5.00 to CHF 0.10. Each shareholder of COLTENE Holding AG will receive CHF 4.90 for each registered share. As decided at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on April 16, 2008, COLTENE thus returns CHF 23 million to the shareholders.

The share capital of COLTENE Holding AG now consists of 4,680,000 registered shares of CHF 0.10 par value each, totalling to an overall amount of CHF 468,000.

About COLTENE

COLTENE is an internationally leading developer, manufacturer and seller of dental consumables and small equipment. COLTENE has state-of-the-art production facilities in Switzerland, Germany, Hungary and the USA. The product offering of COLTENE comprises high-precision impression materials, esthetically leading filling materials, a broad range of endodontic materials and products, diamond and carbide rotary instruments as well as a comprehensive offering in the area of patient safety and hygiene. Dentists and dental labs use COLTENE products for traditional as well as implant-based therapies and dental reconstructions.

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