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COLTENE closed sale of Medical Business

- Final enterprise selling price of CHF 105 million
- Net cash receipt of CHF 102 million
- Return of CHF 93 million to the shareholders in 2008

Wattwil, April 30, 2008. **COLTENE Holding AG (SWX: CLTN), a leading developer, manufacturer and distributor of dental consumables, has closed the sale of its entire Medical Business to Medifiq Healthcare OY effective as at April 30, 2008. The final enterprise selling price was CHF 105 million. The cash proceeds from this transaction total CHF 102 million. Having paid an ordinary dividend of CHF 20 million in April, COLTENE Holding AG plans to return additional CHF 73 million to the shareholders during 2008.**

COLTENE Holding AG (formerly: Medisize Holding AG) has closed today, April 30, 2008, the sale of its entire Medical Business to the Finnish Medifiq Healthcare OY, a company held by the Swedish Ratos Group. The actual terms of the sale correspond with the indications announced at the end of February 2008: The final enterprise selling price amounted to CHF 105 million. Third-party net financial debt was assumed by the buyer, so the cash receipt amounted to CHF 102 million. COLTENE has received CHF 87 million for the Medical Business's equity of CHF 52 million and an additional CHF 15 million for inter-company loans. Certain minor adjustments per closing date as defined in the sale and purchase agreement are pending.

COLTENE returns CHF 93 million of the proceeds to its shareholders in 2008. A markedly increased ordinary dividend of 86% per share was already paid on April 21, 2008, returning CHF 20 million to the shareholders. In addition, the Annual General Meeting approved of a par value reduction from currently CHF 5.00 per share to CHF 0.10. This measure will return CHF 23 million to the shareholders in Mid-July 2008. For the second half of the year it is planned to return CHF 50 million by means of a capital redemption program via the issuance of put options or a similarly shareholder-friendly scheme.

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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