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COLTENE Holding AG reports on successful AGM

- **Shareholders approve all proposals of the Board of Directors**
- **Election of Erwin Locher as new board member and re-election of existing board members**
- **Dividend payment of CHF 4.30 per share, which results in a dividend yield of 10%**

Altstätten, April 17, 2009. At today's Annual General Meeting of COLTENE Holding AG, shareholders approved all motions proposed by the Board of Directors, including the election of Mr. Erwin Locher to the Board of Directors and the relocation of the holding company to Altstätten in the canton of St. Gallen. COLTENE will pay an unchanged high dividend of CHF 4.30 per share, which results in a dividend yield of 10% based on the closing share price of CHF 43.00 on December 31, 2008.

The shareholders of leading dental specialist COLTENE (SIX Swiss Exchange: CLTN) approved all proposals of the Board of Directors at today's Annual General Meeting.

Changes to the Board of Directors

Erwin Locher was elected to the Board of Directors. A Swiss citizen, Mr. Locher studied economics at the University of Basle and holds a Global Executive Master from the University of Toronto/HSG. Mr. Locher has considerable experience in the medical industry and held management positions at firms such as Sandoz, Allo Pro and Mathys Medical. The Annual General Meeting re-elected Nicklaus Huber, Robert Heberlein, Matthew Robin und Jerry Sullivan for a term of office of one year. Niklaus Huber will continue to serve as chairman of the Board.

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Relocation of registered offices from Wattwil to Altstätten

The shareholders also approved the relocation of COLTENE Holding AG's registered offices to Altstätten in the canton of St. Gallen where COLTENE traditionally has state-of-the-art production facilities and offices. This step enables the company to optimize its existing infrastructure and avoid costly duplications. The company remains domiciled in the canton of St. Gallen.

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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 the USA, Switzerland, Germany, and Hungary. Dentists and dental labs use COLTENE products for traditional as well as implant-based therapies and dental reconstructions. The registered shares of COLTENE Holding AG (CLTN) are listed on SIX Swiss Exchange. Learn more about COLTENE and our products at www.coltene.com

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