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COLTENE with strong second semester

- 4.1% sales increase at constant exchange rates in 2008 equivalent to consolidated 1.0% sales decrease to CHF 166.4 million
- Strong 18.2% EBIT margin in second half of 2008
- Solid full year EBIT margin of 15.0%
- Profit from continued operations CHF 17.7 million after CHF 18.6 million in 2007
- Profit for the period including earnings from sale of medical business CHF 48.1 million versus CHF 26.3 million in 2007
- Proposal to pay unchanged dividend of CHF 4.30
- Detailed financial results on March 18, 2009

Wattwil, February 23, 2009. COLTENE Holding AG (SIX Swiss Exchange: CLTN), an internationally leading developer and manufacturer of dental consumables, reports sales of CHF 166.4 million for the full financial year 2008. This consolidated decrease of 1.0% is equivalent to a good 4.1% sales increase at constant currency exchange rates. Having increased sales and EBIT figures in the second half of 2008 compared with the first half, COLTENE generated an EBIT of CHF 24.9 million for the full year. This yields a strong EBIT margin of 15.0% for the financial year 2008. The detailed financial results will be released on March 18, 2009.

COLTENE reports sales of CHF 166.4 million for the full year 2008. This is a 1.0% decrease in consolidated Swiss francs, but represents a sales increase of 4.1% at constant translation rates.

Strong second half of 2008

While sales in Europe, the Middle East and in the Emerging Markets exceeded targets for the second half of 2008, revenues recorded in North America were impacted by an inventory consolidation at smaller distributors and more cautious consumer spending.

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COLTENE's sales for the second half of 2008 stood at CHF 84.5 million and EBIT at CHF 15.4 million, after having achieved CHF 81.9 million in sales and CHF 9.5 million in EBIT in the first six months of the year. EBIT for the full year amounts to CHF 24.9 million. After an EBIT margin of 11.6% for the first half of 2008, COLTENE achieved a strong 18.2% EBIT margin in the second half, yielding a solid EBIT margin of 15.0% for the full year.

Profit for period markedly up including earnings from sale of medical business

Solely based on continued operations from the dental business, COLTENE achieved a net profit for the year 2008 of CHF 17.7 million after comparable CHF 18.6 million in 2007. Including a profit contribution of CHF 30.4 million from the sale of the medical business at the end of April, COLTENE reports a net profit of CHF 48.1 million compared with CHF 26.3 million in 2007. The Board of Directors proposes to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 17, 2009, the payment of an unchanged dividend of CHF 4.30 per share.

Analyst and media conference and Webcast on March 18, 2009

COLTENE Holding will discuss its full year results at an English-speaking analyst and media conference on Wednesday, March 18, 2009; 0900 a.m. CET; Convention Point SIX, Swiss Exchange, Selnau Strasse 30, CH-8021 Zürich. The presentations will simultaneously be webcast in the investor relations section of http://www.coltene.com/investor-relations_en.html. Please log in some 10 minutes prior to the start of the conference. A press release will be distributed internationally at around 0700 a.m. CET that same day.

Sign-up for e-mail alerts is available at http://www.coltene.com/investor-relations/news_en.html

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Media/Analyst conference COLTENE Holding

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

**SIX Swiss Exchange; Convention Point, Room "Bid/Ask"
Selnu Strasse 30, CH-8021 Zürich**

The combined English-speaking **media and analyst conference** will start at 0900 a.m. CET (coffee and documentation will be available from 0830 a.m. CET). Please confirm your participation by returning this registration form.

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