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Changes to the Management of COLTENE Holding

- **Andreas Meldau, CEO of COLTENE Holding AG, to leave the company**
- **Search for replacement immediately initiated**

Altstätten (Switzerland), May 2, 2011 – COLTENE Holding AG (SIX Swiss Exchange: CLTN), an internationally leading developer and producer of dental consumables, announced today that Andreas Meldau, CEO of COLTENE Holding AG, has informed the Board of Directors of his decision to leave the company to assume another role within the dental industry.

Andreas Meldau, CEO of COLTENE Holding AG since April 16, 2008, has accepted a new role within the dental industry but he will continue to lead COLTENE in his current role until a successor has been appointed or until October 31, 2011 at the latest. A search for a new CEO is underway.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Andreas Meldau very much for his contributions to COLTENE during the last nine years, both as CEO and in his previous role as General Manager Europe and wishes him much success in his future career.

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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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