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COLTENE publishes amendment to the invitation to the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

- **Distribution of CHF 1.75 per registered share out of capital contribution reserves**

Altstätten, April 20, 2011. COLTENE Holding AG (SIX Swiss Exchange: CLTN), an internationally leading developer and producer of dental consumables, today published an amended invitation to the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

As a result of the Swiss tax reform which took effect at the beginning of 2011, COLTENE Holding Ltd. has the possibility of making distributions to shareholders out of its reserves from previous capital contributions which are not subject to the Swiss federal withholding tax of 35%, rather than distributing dividends out of available earnings. The distribution out of capital contribution reserves is income tax exempt for shareholders resident in Switzerland holding the shares as part of their private assets.

In order to enable shareholders to benefit from a distribution out of "reserves from previous capital contributions", the Board of Directors has resolved to amend the proposal to Agenda Item 2 published on March 17, 2011.

The full invitation to the Annual General Meeting of COLTENE and the amendment are included in the pdf file of this release. Documents are available in the Investors & Media section of the COLTENE website www.coltene.com and can be downloaded via this link http://www.coltene.com/10210/Annual_General_Meeting.html

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of COLTENE Holding AG will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 4.00 p.m. at COLTENE Holding AG, Feldwiesenstrasse 20, 9450 Altstätten/SG.

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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

This press release and oral statements or other written statements made, or to be made, by us contain forward-looking statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts. These forward-looking statements are based on the current plans and expectations of our management and are subject to a number of uncertainties and risks that could significantly affect our current plans and expectations, as well as future results of operations and financial condition. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.



Amendment to the invitation to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of COLTENE Holding Ltd.

**Thursday, April 28, 2011, 4 p.m. (doors open at 3.30 p.m.)
COLTENE Holding Ltd., Feldwiesenstrasse 20, 9450 Altstätten**

COLTENE's Board of Directors has decided to modify its proposal to item 2 (Allocation of Net Income) as follows:

Previous proposal to Agenda Item 2

2. The Board of Directors proposes that Net Income be allocated as follows:

Net Income carried forward from previous year	CHF	15,225,533
Profit for the year 2010	CHF	15,232,570
Total amount available for dividend distribution	CHF	30,458,103
Distribution of a dividend of CHF 1.75 per share on the share capital of CHF 421,900, totalling	CHF	-7,383,250
Balance to be carried forward	CHF	23,074,853

Proposed amendment to Agenda Item 2

Proposal 1 ad Agenda Item 2:

The Board of Directors proposes that Net Income be allocated as follows:

Net Income carried forward from the previous year	CHF	15,225,533
Profit for the year 2010	CHF	15,232,570
Total amount at the disposal of the AGM	CHF	30,458,103
Distribution of a dividend	CHF	0
Balance to be carried forward	CHF	30,458,103

Proposal 2 ad Agenda Item 2:

The Board of Directors proposes to set apart and present separately the "reserves from previous capital contributions" in the amount of CHF 20,677,483 through a transfer from the balance sheet item "General legal reserves" in the amount of CHF 17,930,377 and from the balance sheet item "Reserves/ Balance to be carried forward" in the amount of CHF 2,747,106 to a new balance sheet item "reserves from previous capital contributions" (as part of the legal reserves).

Proposal 3 ad Agenda Item 2:

The Board of Directors proposes that the following distribution out of the "reserves from previous capital contributions" be made:

Dissolution of "Reserves from previous capital contributions"	CHF	7,383,250
Distribution out of "Reserves from previous capital contributions" of CHF 1.75 per share, totalling	CHF	7,383,250
"Reserves from previous capital contributions" available after the distribution"	CHF	13,294,233

This proposal 3 ad Agenda Item 2 is subject to the condition that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders approves the proposals 1 and 2 of the Board of Directors ad Agenda Item 2.

Altstätten, April 20, 2011
COLTENE Holding Ltd.
The Board of Directors



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Agenda

- 1 Annual Report, Annual Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements 2010
- 2 Allocation of Net Income
- 3 Discharge of the Members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Management
- 4 Elections
 - 4.1 Board of Directors
 - 4.2 Auditors

Proposals

The Board of Directors has formulated the following proposals to the items on the agenda:

1. The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual Report, Annual Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements 2010 be approved.

2. The Board of Directors proposes that net income be allocated as follows:

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3. The Board of Directors proposes the discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Management for their activity during the fiscal year 2010.

- 4.1 The Board of Directors proposes that the following individuals be re-elected as members of the Board of Directors, each for a term of office of one year (one-on-one election procedure):

- Mr. Niklaus Huber with domicile in Balgach
- Mr. Robert Heberlein with domicile in Zumikon
- Mr. Erwin Locher with domicile in Bellach

- Mr. Matthew Robin with domicile in Stäfa
- Mr. Jerry Sullivan with domicile in Prescott (USA)

4.2 The Board of Directors proposes that PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd., St. Gallen, be re-elected as Auditors for a term of one year.

Representation / Proxy

According to Paragraph 10 of the Articles of Incorporation, a shareholder can personally attend the Annual General Meeting and vote his or her shares or be represented by a third party by written proxy.

In addition, shareholders may be represented as follows:

- by COLTENE Holding Ltd., corporate proxy.
- by the independent proxy holder, Dr Jürg Luginbühl, Attorney at Law, Schützengasse 1, P.O. Box 1230, 8021 Zurich, as independent proxy holder as set forth in Art. 689c CO, with the right of substitution in the case of compulsory reasons.
- by a bank or any other professional asset/wealth manager as portfolio representatives as set forth in Art. 689d CO. (Portfolio representatives are kindly asked to identify themselves at the reception desk for the Annual General Meeting.)

Documents

The printed Annual Report 2010 consisting of the Annual Report, the Annual Financial Statements and the Consolidated Financial Statements as well as the reports of the Auditors, will be available for inspection as of March 18, 2011 at the registered office of the Company. A copy of the printed Annual Report 2010 will be sent to the registered shareholders together with the invitation to the Annual General Meeting.

Share register

Those shareholders who are registered in the share register on April 20, 2011, shall be entitled to vote. No registrations in the share register will be made from April 21, 2011 to April 28, 2011. Shareholders selling their shares prior to the shareholders' meeting shall no longer be entitled to vote in respect of these shares. If a part of the shares has been sold, the admission card issued to the shareholder is to be exchanged at the information desk on the day of the shareholders' meeting.

We look forward to welcoming our shareholders to cocktails following the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

Altstätten, March 17, 2011

COLTENE Holding Ltd.

The Board of Directors