

Gerhard Mahrle new CFO of COLTENE Holding AG

Altstätten, December 13, 2013 – The Board of Directors of COLTENE Holding AG (SIX Swiss Exchange: CLTN), an internationally leading developer and producer of dental consumables, has appointed Gerhard Mahrle as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and member of the Management Board of COLTENE Holding AG. Gerhard Mahrle, a Swiss national aged 56, has long-standing experience as CFO of listed, globally active industrial companies. He will join COLTENE Group as of January 1, 2014. Dr. Hans Grüter, the current CFO, will continue to assist the Company in an advisory capacity until the end of March 2014.

Gerhard Mahrle has held various senior finance and controlling positions during the course of his professional career. From 2009 to 2013, he was CFO of Kardex Group and from 2000 to 2009 of sia Abrasives Holding AG. Prior to this he worked as finance specialist for a number of well-known Swiss companies, such as Batigroup, Eugster/Frismag, Hilti, Hausmann/Vifor and Ciba-Geigy.

Martin Schaufelberger, CEO of COLTENE Group, comments: "I am looking forward to collaborating with Gerhard Mahrle. With his extensive experience as CFO and as a management board member of globally active industrial companies he will be able to provide new input in financial matters as well as in the further adaptation and optimization of global group management processes."

Gerhard Mahrle earned a degree in finance and accounting at the University of St. Gallen. He also studied two semesters at the Sheffield University in Sheffield/UK. Gerhard Mahrle is married and father of three adult children.

The Board of Directors thanks Dr. Hans Grüter, who will continue to assist the Company in an advisory capacity until the end of March 2014, for his untiring efforts on behalf of COLTENE Group and wishes him all the best in his future challenges outside the dental industry.

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Financial Calendar

Full-year results 2013	February 28, 2014
Annual General Meeting of Shareholders	April 15, 2014
Half-year report 2014	August, 2014

About COLTENE

COLTENE is an internationally active developer, manufacturer and seller of dental consumables and small equipment in the areas of restoration, endodontics, prosthetics and treatment auxiliaries. COLTENE has state-of-the-art production facilities in the US, Germany, Brazil and Switzerland as well as own distribution organizations in all major markets including China and India. Dentists and dental labs all around the globe trust the high-quality COLTENE products. 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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