

Dividend increase approved

Henkel KGaA Annual General Meeting

Today's Annual General Meeting of Henkel KGaA in Düsseldorf provided around 2500 shareholders with an overview of the company's development and performance in fiscal 2007.

"Fiscal 2007 was another successful year for Henkel. Founded on strong organic growth, we were able to further increase both sales and profits," said Ulrich Lehner, Chairman of the Management Board of Henkel KGaA. "In increasing the dividend payout, we are ensuring that our shareholders participate in the success of the company."

Resolution on dividends

The Annual General Meeting approved a dividend of 0.51 euros (+ 6.3 percent) per ordinary share and 0.53 euros (+ 6.0 percent) per preferred share.

Authorization to purchase own shares

Once again, the Annual General Meeting authorized management to purchase the company's own ordinary or preferred shares, subject to a maximum aggregate holding of ten percent of the company's capital stock.



Elections to the Supervisory Board

Dr. Friderike Bagel, Thomas Manchot, Konstantin von Unger, Bernhard Walter and Dipl.-Ing. Albrecht Woeste were re-elected as shareholder representatives on the Supervisory Board. Dr. Simone Bagel-Trah, Dr. sc. nat. Michael Kaschke, member of the Executive Board of Carl Zeiss AG, Oberkochen (Germany) and Thierry Paternot, Operating Partner, Duke Street Capital, Paris (France) were newly elected to the Supervisory Board.

Elections to the Shareholders' Committee

Dr. Paul Achleitner, Dr. Simone Bagel-Trah, Stefan Hamelmann, Dr. h.c. Ulrich Hartmann, Dr. h.c. Christoph Henkel, Konstantin von Unger, Karel Vuursteen and Dipl.-Ing. Albrecht Woeste were re-elected to the Shareholders' Committee. Newly elected to the Shareholders' Committee were Prof. Dr. Ulrich Lehner and Werner Wenning, Chairman of the Board of Management of Bayer AG, Leverkusen (Germany). Formerly, Wenning had been a member of the Supervisory Board of Henkel KGaA since 2003.

Amendments to the Articles of Association

Effective the end of the Annual General Meeting, Henkel Management AG joined Henkel KGaA as its sole personally liable partner. The sole shareholder of Henkel Management AG is Henkel KGaA. The Management Board of Henkel Management AG is made up of the members of the former Management Board of Henkel KGaA, with the exception of Prof. Dr. Lehner. The amendments to the Articles of Association resulting from this measure were ratified by the Annual General Meeting. The company name has been changed from "Henkel KGaA" to "Henkel AG & Co. KGaA".

Kasper Rorsted succeeds Ulrich Lehner

Having reached the internally agreed age of retirement, today Prof. Dr. Ulrich Lehner resigned his post as Chairman of the Management Board of Henkel KGaA. His successor is Kasper Rorsted (46) who was appointed Vice Chairman of the Management Board back in January 2007. Kasper Rorsted will, in future, be the Chairman of the Management Board of Henkel Management AG. In welcoming him to his new post, Ulrich Lehner said: "I am delighted to have in Mr. Rorsted a successor in whose hands I am convinced Henkel will prosper."

For more than 130 years, Henkel has been a leader with brands and technologies that make people's lives easier, better and more beautiful. Henkel operates in three business areas – Home Care, Personal Care, and Adhesives Technologies – and ranks among the Fortune Global 500 companies. In fiscal 2007, Henkel generated sales of 13,074 million euros and operating profit of 1,344 million euros. Our 58,000 employees worldwide are dedicated to fulfilling our corporate claim, "A Brand like a Friend," and ensuring that people in more than 125 countries can trust in brands and technologies from Henkel.

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