

## **Press Release**

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Société Générale has received a letter from the French Financial Markets Authority (AMF) containing its observations following the investigation the Authority opened in January 2008 into the financial information and market of Société Générale shares. This letter brings to an end the procedure launched by the Authority. It does not open proceedings before the Authority's Sanctions Commission.

Société Générale has also been informed by Robert Day, a non-executive director of Société Générale, and by Jean-Pierre Mustier, a member of the executive committee, that they have received letters of grievance opening proceedings before the Sanctions Commission of the French Financial Markets Authority for insider trading. Robert Day and Jean-Pierre Mustier reject these allegations.

The Group does not comment on ongoing individual procedures.

With regard to Jean-Pierre Mustier, the Group confirms that it had been agreed that he would leave the Group upon completion of the SGAM/CAAM merger, and by 31 December 2009 at the latest. In view of the ongoing AMF procedure, Jean-Pierre Mustier has decided, in the interest of the Group, to anticipate his departure and has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted.

The Group would like to pay tribute to Jean-Pierre Mustier's commitment over the past 22 vears.

## Société Générale

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