

PRESS RELEASE

Paris, February 27, 2013

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: PROPOSED RENEWAL AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors, upon proposal of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee, has approved the renewal and appointment of Directors, which will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting to be held on May 22, 2013.

The Board will seek shareholders' approval on:

- the renewal of Mr Jean-Bernard **LEVY**'s mandate as an independent Director for a further four-year term;
- the appointment of Mrs Alexandra **SCHAAPVELD** as an independent Director for a four-year term.

If these resolutions were to be adopted, the Board of Directors would be composed of 15 members:

- 13 members appointed by the General Meeting;
- 2 employee representative members, elected by the employees.

Independent Directors would account for 10 out of 15 Directors, i.e. 66.66% of the Board of Directors (and 76.92% of Directors appointed by the General Meeting), which is well above the 50% threshold recommended by the AFEP-MEDEF Corporate Governance Code. Women would account for almost 31% of members appointed by the General Meeting, which is higher than the 20% requirement that will apply to listed companies as of 2014. The Board of Directors would include five Directors who are non-French nationals.

Biographies

Mr **Jean-Bernard LEVY**, 58 years old, is a former student of the Ecole Polytechnique and Télécom Paris Tech. He has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Thalès since December 20, 2012. He joined Vivendi in August 2002 as Chief Executive Officer and was Chairman of Vivendi's Management Board from 2005 to 2012. Mr Levy was Managing Partner responsible for Corporate

PRESS RELATIONS

LAETITIA MAUREL
+33(0)1 42 13 88 68
Laetitia.a.maurel@socgen.com

HELENE AGABRIEL
+33(0)1 41 45 98 33
Helene.agabriel@socgen.com

NATHALIE BOSCHAT
+33(0)1 42 14 83 21
Nathalie.boschat@socgen.com

ASTRID BRUNINI
+33(0)1 42 13 68 71
Astrid.brunini@socgen.com

HELENE MAZIER
+33(0)1 58 98 72 74
Helene.mazier@socgen.com

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE
COMM/PRS
75886 PARIS CEDEX 18
SOCIETEGENERALE.COM

A FRENCH CORPORATION WITH SHARE CAPITAL OF
EUR 975,341,533.75
552 120 222 RCS PARIS

Finance of Oddo et Cie from 1998 to 2002. From 1995 to 1998, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Matra Communication. From 1993 to 1994, he was Principal Private Secretary to Mr Gérard Longuet, French Minister for Industry, the Postal Service, Telecommunications and Foreign Trade. From 1988 to 1993, he was Head of Telecommunication Satellites at Matra Marconi Space. From 1986 to 1988, Mr Levy was a technical advisor in the private office of Mr Gérard Longuet, Deputy Minister for the Postal Service and Telecommunications, and from 1978 to 1986 he was an engineer at France Telecom.

Mrs. **Alexandra SCHAAPVELD**, 54 years old, Dutch nationality, graduated in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University and obtained a Master's degree in Development Economics from Erasmus University. Mrs Schaapveld began her career in the ABN AMRO Group in the Netherlands, where she held various posts in the Investment Banking division from 1984 to 2007, including being in charge of the bank's major corporate clients. In 2008, Mrs Schaapveld was appointed Head of Western Europe at the Royal Bank of Scotland. She is currently a member of the supervisory boards of FMO and Holland Casino (Netherlands), Bumi Armada (Malaysia) and Vallourec (France). She has no professional activity besides the exercise of these non-executive mandates.

Societe Generale

Societe Generale is one of the largest European financial services groups. Based on a diversified universal banking model, the Group combines financial solidity with a strategy of sustainable growth, and aims to be the relationship-focused bank, a reference on its markets, close to clients, chosen for the quality and commitment of its teams.

Around 160,000 employees, based in 77 countries, accompany more than 33 million clients throughout the world on a daily basis. Societe Generale teams offer advice and services to individual, corporate and institutional customers in three core businesses:

- Retail banking in France with the Societe Generale branch network, Crédit du Nord and Boursorama
- International retail banking, with a presence in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, the Mediterranean basin, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the French Overseas Territories
- Corporate and investment banking, with global expertise in investment banking, financing and global markets.

Societe Generale is also a significant player in specialised financing and insurance, private banking, asset management and securities services.

Societe Generale is included in the socially responsible investment indices FTSE4Good and ASPI.

For more information, you can follow us on twitter [@societegenerale](#) or visit our website www.societegenerale.com.