

**STATEMENT**

**in relation to item 15 (Authorization of the Management Board to repurchase shares in the Company) of the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of 20 May 2010**

In response to questions received from certain shareholders in relation to item 15 (Authorization of the Management Board to repurchase shares in the Company) on the agenda for the 20 May 2010 AGM, the Company confirms that it will not repurchase any shares during the period of the authorization, if such repurchase would result in the Company owning in excess of 10% of its issued share capital, not taking into account shares repurchased for the purpose of covering employee and management stock options.

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