

bioMérieux

French joint stock company (*société anonyme*) with share capital of €12,029,370
Registered office: Chemin de l'Orme, 69280 Marcy l'Etoile, France
Registered in Lyon, France under number 673 620 399

**Preliminary notice of meeting to the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of
May 29, 2013**

The shareholders of bioMérieux are hereby invited to attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting to be held at 3.00 p.m. on May 29, 2013 at the Company's registered office (Chemin de l'Orme, 69280 Marcy l'Etoile, France) to deliberate and decide on the following agenda and draft resolutions:

AGENDA

Ordinary resolutions:

1. Approval of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012; approval of the total amount of expenses and costs falling within the scope of article 39-4 of the French Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*)
2. Granting of discharge to the directors
3. Approval of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012
4. Appropriation of profit for the year ended December 31, 2012; distribution of a dividend
5. Taking note of related-party agreements entered into by the Company that continued to be implemented during the year, as described in the Statutory Auditors' special report
6. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors to enable the Company to buy back its own shares within the statutory limit of 10% of its share capital and not exceeding a maximum price of €100 per share, excluding costs

Extraordinary resolutions:

7. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors to reduce the share capital by canceling shares
8. Amendment to article 14-II of the Company's bylaws in order to specify that meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by videoconference or by any other means of telecommunication
9. Amendment to article 19 of the Company's bylaws in order to allow voting by electronic means
10. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, with pre-emptive subscription rights, within the limit of 35% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital
11. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, without pre-emptive subscription rights, in the context of a public offer and within the limit of 35% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital

12. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, without pre-emptive subscription rights, in the context of an offer falling within the scope of paragraph 2 of article L.411-2 II of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), and within the limit of 20% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital
 13. Setting the issue price of ordinary shares and/or all securities giving access to the share capital, in the event of the cancelation of pre-emptive subscription rights, within the annual limit of 10% of the share capital
 14. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the number of shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities to be issued in the event of a capital increase within the limit of 15% of the initial issue and at the same price as the initial issue, with or without pre-emptive subscription rights for existing shareholders
 15. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital, without pre-emptive subscription rights, as consideration for contributions in kind made to the Company, within the limit of 10% of the share capital
 16. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to carry out a capital increase reserved for employees participating in a company savings plan, without pre-emptive subscription rights
 17. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital through the capitalization of additional paid-in capital, reserves, profits or other items
 18. Overall limit on authorizations
 19. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 38 months to grant existing shares or shares to be issued, without pre-emptive subscription rights
 20. Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors to use the authorizations referred to in the 10th, 16th and 19th resolutions during a public offer, subject to their approval
 21. Full powers to be granted to the bearer of the minutes of this Meeting for the purpose of completing formalities
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**TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO
THE ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING OF MAY 29, 2013**

I - WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

1ST RESOLUTION

Approval of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012; approval of the total amount of expenses and costs falling within the scope of article 39-4 of the French Tax Code (Code général des impôts)

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to ordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012, the Board of Directors' management report and the Statutory Auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012, the shareholders approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 as submitted to them, showing profit of €162,212,781.02. They also approve the transactions reflected in those financial statements or summarized in those reports.

In accordance with article 223 *quater* of the French Tax Code, the shareholders approve the total amount of the non-tax deductible costs and expenses referred to in article 39-4 of said Code, which amounted to €250,313 for the year ended December 31, 2012, as well as the amount of tax paid by the Company in light of their non-deductible nature, i.e., €90,363.

In addition, the shareholders take note of the detailed list of expense categories referred to in paragraph 5 of article 39 of the French Tax Code and presented in accordance with article 223 *quinquies* of said Code.

Lastly, having considered (i) the report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors which gives details of the composition of the Board, the application of the principle of gender equality on the Board, the conditions governing the preparation and organization of the Board of Directors' work and the internal control and risk management procedures implemented by the Company, and (ii) the Statutory Auditors' report on the Chairman's report, the shareholders take note of their respective content.

2ND RESOLUTION

Granting of discharge to the directors

The shareholders grant discharge to the directors for their duties during the past year.

3RD RESOLUTION

Approval of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to ordinary shareholders' meetings, after having considered the Board of Directors' report on the management of the Group and the Statutory Auditors' report on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 which show a consolidated profit of €134,350,387.89, the shareholders approve the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 as submitted to them, as well as the transactions reflected in those financial statements or summarized in the report on the management of the Group.

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4TH RESOLUTION

Appropriation of profit for the year ended December 31, 2012; distribution of a dividend

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to ordinary shareholders' meetings and subsequent to the first resolution, the shareholders note that (i) the statutory reserve exceeds 10% of the share capital and (ii) the balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 2012 shows a profit of €162,212,781.02 which, when increased by retained earnings of €97,567,181.46, results in a distributable profit of €259,779,962.48.

They therefore resolve, on a motion by the Board of Directors, to appropriate said distributable profit as follows:

- €130,000,000.00 to be transferred to the general reserve, increasing the balance from €400,000,000 to €530,000,000;
- €40,502.37 to be transferred to the special sponsorship reserve, increasing the balance from €581,234.76 to €621,737.13;
- €38,664,665.20 to be distributed as dividends, representing a dividend of €0.98 for each of the Company's 39,453,740 shares comprising the share capital, to be paid as from June 7, 2013;
- the remaining €91,074,794.91 to be transferred to retained earnings.

In accordance with the provisions of article L.225-210 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), the Company will not receive any dividends on treasury shares held on the ex-dividend date. The corresponding amount will be allocated to retained earnings.

The entire amount of the dividend is eligible for the 40% deduction. In accordance with paragraph 2 of article 158.3 of the French Tax Code, individuals domiciled in France for tax purposes benefit from a tax deduction of 40% on the annual dividend.

The shareholders take note of the fact that the sums distributed as dividends over the past three fiscal years, were follows:

Year ended	Distributed dividends in euros ^(*)
Dec. 31, 2011	38,664,665.20
Dec. 31, 2010	38,664,665.20
Dec. 31, 2009	36,297,440.80

(*) The Company did not receive any dividends on treasury shares held on the ex-dividend date and the corresponding amounts were allocated to retained earnings. In accordance with paragraph 2 of article 158.3 of the French Tax Code, individuals domiciled in France for tax purposes benefit from a tax deduction on the annual dividend.

5TH RESOLUTION

Taking note of related-party agreements entered into by the Company that continued to be implemented during the year, as described in the Statutory Auditors' special report

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to ordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Statutory Auditors' special report, presented in accordance with the provisions of article L.225-40 of the French Commercial Code, on the agreements referred to in articles L.225-38 *et seq.* of said Code, the shareholders take note of the information contained in the Statutory Auditors' report in relation to agreements already authorized by the Board of Directors that continued to be implemented during the year.

6TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors to enable the Company to buy back its own shares within the statutory limit of 10% of its share capital and not exceeding a maximum price of €100 per share, excluding costs

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to ordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report, in accordance with article L.225-209 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders authorize the Board of Directors, with the possibility of delegation, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable at the time of exercise of such authorization and in particular the provisions and requirements of articles L.225-209 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code, articles 241-1 to 241-6 of the General Regulations of the French financial markets authority (*Autorité des marchés financiers* – AMF) and European Regulation no. 2273/2003 of December 22, 2003, to purchase, on the Company's behalf, on one or more occasions and whenever it deems appropriate, a number of the Company's own shares, within the statutory limit of 10% of its share capital (at any time whatsoever, this percentage being applicable to the share capital adjusted in light of transactions impacting it subsequent to this Meeting), it being specified that the maximum percentage of shares bought by the Company with a view to holding and subsequently delivering same as payment or exchange in connection with a merger, spinoff or contribution, is capped at 5%, as provided by law.

This authorization is given to enable the Company to:

- maintain a liquid market in the Company's shares through market-making transactions carried out by an independent investment firm under a liquidity agreement that complies with the AMAFI code of ethics approved by the AMF;
- deliver shares upon the exercise of rights attached to the issue of securities giving access to Company shares and stock option plans, or in connection with share grants to employees and corporate officers of the Company or companies within the same Group, or the allocation or transfer of shares to employees under profit sharing plans, employee share ownership plans or employee savings plans;
- hold shares for subsequent delivery as payment or exchange in connection with external growth transactions; and
- reduce the share capital by canceling shares, subject to the adoption of the seventh resolution by the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

Under this authorization, the Company shall be permitted to buy back its own shares provided it complies with the following limits (which may be adjusted in connection with transactions affecting the share capital of the Company):

- the maximum purchase price per share shall not exceed €100, excluding costs;
- the total amount of funds set aside in connection with this buy-back transaction shall not exceed €394,537,400. The authorization given to the Board of Directors with the possibility of delegation in accordance with the law, will allow the Board to adjust the abovementioned purchase price in the event of a change in the par value of the shares, a capital increase through the capitalization of reserves and the granting of free shares, stock splits or reverse splits, capital redemption or reductions in share capital, the distribution of reserves or other assets and any other transaction affecting equity, in order to take into account the impact of such transactions on the value of its shares.

The shareholders resolve that the acquisition, sale and transfer of the Company's shares may be carried out by any means, in part through the use of derivatives, whether on the stock market or over the counter, excluding the sale of put options save in the case of exchanges in accordance with applicable regulations. No restriction applies to the portion of buybacks carried out through block trades, which may account for the entire program.

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Shares held for purposes that are no longer compatible with the Company's strategy may be disposed of subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and provided that the financial markets are informed thereof.

Consequently, full powers are granted to the Board of Directors, in particular for the purpose of determining the advisability of initiating a share buyback program after publication of the program description and setting the terms and conditions thereof, to use the authorization hereby given or to delegate same to the Chief Executive Officer or, subject to the approval of the latter, to the Chief Operating Officer – it being specified that the Chief Executive Officer, or the Chief Operating Officer as the case may be, must report to the Board of Directors on how this authorization has been used – i.e., by placing all trading orders, entering into all agreements and completing all registrations and formalities with all entities, in particular the AMF, amending the bylaws and, generally, doing whatever is necessary.

With effect from the date hereof, this authorization supersedes, where applicable insofar as they have not been exercised, all authorizations previously given for the same purpose, for a period expiring at the close of the Annual General Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2013 or eighteen months from this Annual General Meeting, whichever is the earlier. It may be used at any time, except during a public purchase and/or exchange offer initiated by the Company, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

The Board of Directors shall report to the Annual General Meeting on transactions performed pursuant to this authorization.

II - WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

7TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors to reduce the share capital by canceling shares

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings, having considered the Board of Directors' report and the Statutory Auditors' special report, subject to the adoption of the sixth resolution, the shareholders authorize the Board of Directors, pursuant to article L.225-209 of the French Commercial Code, to reduce the Company's share capital by canceling all or some of the shares bought back by the Company pursuant to the share buyback program authorized pursuant to the sixth resolution of this Meeting, at its discretion, on one or more occasions, within the limit of 10% of the share capital over a period of twenty-four months from this Meeting, and to reduce the share capital accordingly. The abovementioned limit of 10% applies to the amount of the Company's share capital, which may be adjusted to take into consideration transactions having an impact on the share capital carried out subsequent to this Meeting.

The shareholders authorize the Board of Directors to offset any excess of the purchase price of canceled shares over their nominal amount against existing additional paid-in capital or available reserve accounts and grant full powers to the Board of Directors, with the possibility of delegation in accordance with the law, for the purpose of executing all documents and completing all formalities or registrations necessary to finalize the reductions of capital under this authorization, and to amend the bylaws accordingly.

This authorization is given to the Board of Directors for a period of eighteen months from the date of this Meeting. It replaces, from this day forth, the previous authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of May 30, 2012 (eleventh resolution).

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8TH RESOLUTION

Amendment to article 14-II of the Company's bylaws in order to specify that meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by videoconference or by any other means of telecommunication

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report, the shareholders resolve to amend the provisions of article 14-II of the Company's bylaws in order to state that meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by videoconference or by any other means of telecommunication.

In paragraph 2 of article 14-II of the bylaws, the words "or telecommunication" are added after the words "videoconference" and before the words "in accordance with the law".

The other provisions of article 14-II remain unchanged.

9TH RESOLUTION

Amendment to article 19 of the Company's bylaws in order to allow voting by electronic means

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report, the shareholders resolve to amend the provisions of article 19 of the Company's bylaws, in order to allow voting by electronic means.

The following sentence is added to paragraph 1 of article 19 of the bylaws:

"The Company may resort to electronic means of communication in order to carry out preliminary formalities and vote at Shareholders' Meetings under the conditions provided for in articles R.225-61 and R.225-63 of the French Commercial Code."

The words "by electronic means of communication or" are added to the first sentence of article 19, paragraph 5 of the bylaws. The paragraph now reads as follows:

"Holders of shares in registered form who have held said shares for at least one month at the date of publication of the convening notice are convened by electronic means of communication or by ordinary letter; they may request to receive notice by registered letter if they provide the Company with the amount of postage required."

Paragraph 9 of article 19 of the bylaws is deleted and superseded by the text below:

"They may also cast their vote by correspondence, including by electronic means, subject to the prior approval of the Board of Directors, by means of a form which can be obtained under the conditions outlined in the convening notice, in accordance with the law. All shareholders may appoint or revoke a proxy by sending an electronic form. The electronic signature of this form may, subject to the prior approval of the Board of Directors published in the preliminary notice of meeting and convening notice to the Annual General Meeting, be in the form of (i) a secure electronic signature within the meaning of French decree no. 2001-272 of March 30, 2001 implementing article 1316-4 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*) relating to electronic signatures, or (ii) any other process ensuring reliable means of identification that complies with the conditions outlined in the first sentence of the second paragraph of article 1316-4 of the French Civil Code."

The other provisions of article 19 remain unchanged.

10TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, with pre-emptive subscription rights, within the limit of 35% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings, having considered the Board of Directors' report and the Statutory Auditors' special report and having noted that the share capital has been fully paid up, in accordance with articles L.225-129-2 and L.228-92 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to decide to carry out a capital increase on one or several occasions with pre-emptive subscription rights for existing shareholders, in the amount and at the time it sees fit, through the issue (including through the free allocation of subscription warrants), in France and/or abroad and in euros, of ordinary shares in the Company or securities giving access by any means, immediately and/or in the future, to ordinary shares in the Company, it being specified that these securities may give the right to the allocation of debt securities, and be denominated in any currency or set by reference to several currencies;
 - resolve that this authorization shall be given to the Board of Directors for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting;
 - resolve that this authorization shall not include any issue of preference shares or securities giving access to preference shares;
 - resolve that the total nominal amount of capital increases that may be carried out immediately and/or in the future, shall not exceed €4,210,280, i.e., approximately 35% of the share capital at the date of this Meeting, it being specified that this amount shall be included in the overall limit provided for under the eighteenth resolution ("**Overall limit I**"), to which may be added, where applicable, the additional nominal amount of shares to be issued to preserve, in accordance with the law and, where appropriate, the contractual terms and conditions providing for other adjustments, the rights of holders of securities giving access to shares;
 - resolve, in addition, that the total nominal amount of debt securities giving access by any means, immediately or in the future, to the share capital that may be issued pursuant to this resolution shall not exceed five hundred (500) million euros or the equivalent of this amount in another currency, at the date of the issue decision. This amount shall be included in the overall limit provided for under the eighteenth resolution ("**Overall limit II**");
 - resolve that the shareholders shall have irrevocable pre-emptive subscription rights, in proportion to the number of shares they hold, to securities issued under this resolution and take note that the Board of Directors may introduce a right to subscribe for excess shares;
 - note that this authorization shall automatically entail the waiver of the shareholders' pre-emptive right to subscribe for the shares in the Company's capital to which the securities issued may grant access, immediately or in the future, in favor of the holders of said securities;
 - resolve that if the irrevocable subscription rights and, where applicable, the rights to subscribe for excess shares do not cover the entire share or security issue as defined above, the Board may, under the conditions provided for under article L.225-134 of the French Commercial Code, at its discretion, limit the issue to the amount of subscriptions received, provided that this reaches at least three quarters of the decided issue, and allocate at its own initiative, and/or offer to the public all or part of the unsubscribed shares;
 - resolve that for each of the issues decided under this resolution, the number of shares to be issued may be increased, in accordance with the conditions of article L.225-135-1 of the French Commercial Code and within the limit of **Overall limit I** and **Overall limit II** provided for under the eighteenth resolution, subject to the adoption of the fourteenth resolution;
 - resolve that the Board of Directors may, where applicable, offset the costs, duties and fees arising from the issues provided for in this resolution against the amount of issue premiums and deduct the amount required to increase the statutory reserve;
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- resolve that the Board of Directors will have full powers, in accordance with the law, which may be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under the conditions set by law, to implement this authorization and in particular to set the conditions of the issue, subscription and payment of shares and securities, preserve the rights of holders of securities, suspend, where applicable, the exercise of rights attached to these securities for a maximum period of three months, place on record the completion of the capital increases carried out pursuant to this resolution and amend the Company's bylaws accordingly;
- note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2011 (fourteenth resolution).

11TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, without pre-emptive subscription rights, in the context of a public offer and within the limit of 35% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings, having considered the Board of Directors' report and having noted that the share capital has been fully paid up, in accordance with articles L.225-129-2, L.225-135, L.225-136, L.225-148, L.228-92 and L.228-93 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to decide to carry out a capital increase on one or several occasions, in the amount and at the time it sees fit, through the issue, in France and/or abroad and in euros, by way of a public offer, of ordinary shares in the Company or securities giving access by any means, immediately and/or in the future, to ordinary shares in the Company or in a company in which it directly or indirectly owns more than half of the share capital, subject to the authorization of the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of the company in which the rights are exercised, it being specified that these securities may give the right to the allocation of debt securities and be denominated in any currency or set by reference to several currencies;
 - resolve that these shares or securities may be issued as payment for securities of another company tendered to a public exchange offer carried out in France or abroad in accordance with local legislation, subject to the conditions set out in article L.225-148 of the French Commercial Code;
 - resolve that this authorization shall be given to the Board of Directors for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting;
 - resolve to cancel the shareholders' pre-emptive subscription right to these shares or securities and to grant the Board of Directors the power to establish a priority right to subscribe for these shares and securities in favor of shareholders in accordance with the provisions of article L.225-135 of the French Commercial Code;
 - resolve that this authorization shall not include any issue of preference shares or securities giving access to preference shares;
 - resolve that the total nominal amount of capital increases that may be carried out immediately and/or in the future, shall not exceed €4,210,280, i.e., approximately 35% of the share capital at the date of this Meeting, it being specified that this amount shall be included in **Overall limit I** provided for under the eighteenth resolution, to which may be added, where applicable, the additional nominal amount of shares to be issued to preserve, in accordance with the law and, where appropriate, the contractual terms and conditions providing for other adjustments, the rights of holders of securities giving access to shares;
 - resolve, in addition, that the total nominal amount of debt securities giving access to the share capital that may be issued pursuant to this resolution, shall not exceed five hundred (500) million euros or the equivalent of this amount in another currency, at the date of the issue
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decision. This amount shall be included in **Overall limit II** provided for under the eighteenth resolution;

- note that this authorization shall automatically entail the waiver of the shareholders' preemptive right to subscribe for the shares in the Company's capital to which the securities issued may grant access, immediately or in the future, in favor of the holders of said securities;
 - resolve that the amount paid, or due, to the Company for each of the shares issued or to be issued, having taken into account, in the event of the issue of individual share subscription or allotment warrants, the issue price of said warrants, will be at least equal to the minimum price set out in the legal or regulatory texts applicable at the date of issue;
 - resolve that the exchange, reimbursement or, more generally, the conversion of securities giving access to the share capital into shares, will take place, taking into account the par value of said securities, for a number of shares such that the amount received by the Company, for each share, is at least equal to the minimum subscription price as defined for share issues under this resolution;
 - resolve that for each of the issues decided under this resolution, the number of shares to be issued may be increased, in accordance with the conditions of article L.225-135-1 of the French Commercial Code and within the limit of **Overall limit I** and **Overall limit II** provided for under the eighteenth resolution, subject to the adoption of the fourteenth resolution;
 - resolve that the Board of Directors may, where applicable, offset the costs, duties and fees arising from the issues provided for in this resolution against the amount of issue premiums and deduct the amount required to increase the statutory reserve;
 - resolve that the Board of Directors will have full powers, in accordance with the law, which may be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under the conditions set by law, to implement this authorization and in particular to set the conditions of the issue, subscription and payment of shares and securities, preserve the rights of holders of securities, suspend, where applicable, the exercise of rights attached to these securities for a maximum period of three months, place on record the completion of the increases provided for under this resolution and amend the Company's bylaws to reflect the new capital;
 - note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2011 (fifteenth resolution).
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12TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, without pre-emptive subscription rights, in the context of an offer falling within the scope of paragraph 2 of article L.411-2 II of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier), and within the limit of 20% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings, having considered the Board of Directors' report and having noted that the share capital has been fully paid up, in accordance with articles L.225-129-2, L.225-135, L.225-136, L.228-92 and L.228-93 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to decide to carry out a capital increase on one or several occasions, in the amount and at the time it sees fit, through the issue, in France and/or abroad and in euros, by way of an offer referred to under paragraph II of article L.411-2 II of the French Monetary and Financial Code, of ordinary shares in the Company or securities giving access by any means, immediately and/or in the future, to ordinary shares in the Company or in a company in which it directly or indirectly owns more than half of the share capital, subject to the authorization of the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of the company in which the rights are exercised, it being specified that these securities may give the right to the allocation of debt securities and be denominated in any currency or set by reference to several currencies;
 - resolve that this authorization shall be given to the Board of Directors for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting;
 - resolve to cancel the shareholders' pre-emptive subscription right to these shares or securities;
 - resolve that this authorization shall not include any issue of preference shares or securities giving access to preference shares;
 - resolve that the total nominal amount of capital increases that may be carried out immediately and/or in the future, shall not exceed 20% of the share capital per year, it being specified that (i) this limit of 20% may be calculated at any time in view of the fact that it applies to the share capital adjusted in light of transactions impacting it subsequent to this Meeting and not taking into account the nominal amount of capital increases that may take place by exercising the rights and securities already issued, the exercise of which has been deferred, and (ii) the amount of capital increases provided for in this resolution shall be included in **Overall limit I** provided for under the eighteenth resolution
 - resolve, in addition, that the total nominal amount of debt securities giving access to the share capital that may be issued pursuant to this resolution, shall not exceed five hundred (500) million euros or the equivalent of this amount in another currency, at the date of the issue decision. This amount shall be included in **Overall limit II** provided for under the eighteenth resolution;
 - note that this authorization shall automatically entail the waiver of the shareholders' pre-emptive right to subscribe for the shares in the Company's capital to which the securities issued may grant access, immediately or in the future, in favor of the holders of said securities;
 - resolve that the amount paid, or due, to the Company for each of the shares issued or to be issued, having taken into account, in the event of the issue of individual share subscription or allotment warrants, the issue price of said warrants, will be at least equal to the minimum price set out in the legal or regulatory texts applicable at the date of issue;
 - resolve that the exchange, reimbursement or, more generally, the conversion of securities giving access to the share capital into shares, will take place, taking into account the par value
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of said securities, for a number of shares such that the amount received by the Company for each share, is at least equal to the minimum subscription price as defined for share issues under this resolution;

- resolve that for each of the issues decided under this resolution, the number of shares to be issued may be increased, in accordance with the conditions of article L.225-135-1 of the French Commercial Code and within the limit of **Overall limit I** and **Overall limit II** provided for under the eighteenth resolution, subject to the adoption of the fourteenth resolution;
- resolve that the Board of Directors may, where applicable, offset the costs, duties and fees arising from the issues provided for in this resolution against the amount of issue premiums and deduct the amount required to increase the statutory reserve;
- resolve that the Board of Directors will have full powers, in accordance with the law, which may be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under the conditions set by law, to implement this authorization and in particular to set the conditions of the issue, subscription and payment of shares and securities, preserve the rights of holders of securities, suspend, where applicable, the exercise of rights attached to these securities for a maximum period of three months, place on record the completion of the increases provided for under this resolution and amend the Company's bylaws to reflect the new capital;
- note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2011 (sixteenth resolution).

13TH RESOLUTION

Setting the issue price of ordinary shares and/or all securities giving access to the share capital, in the event of the cancelation of pre-emptive subscription rights, within the annual limit of 10% of the share capital

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings, having considered the Board of Directors' report and the Statutory Auditors' report, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of article L.225-136 1 of the French Commercial Code, and within the annual limit of 10% of the share capital at the time of the issue (it being specified that this limit of 10% may be calculated at any time in view of the fact that it applies to the share capital adjusted in light of transactions impacting it subsequent to this Meeting and not taking into account the nominal amount of capital increases that may take place by exercising the rights and securities already issued, the exercise of which has been deferred), the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors, with the possibility of delegation to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the law, to set the issue price of the ordinary shares or securities giving access by any means, immediately and/or in the future, to ordinary shares in the Company or in a company in which it directly or indirectly owns more than half of the share capital, having examined market opportunities, at a price at least equal to the volume-weighted average (in the main backlog and excluding off-market block transactions) of the closing prices of the Company's share on Euronext Paris for the last three trading sessions prior to the setting of the issue price, it being specified that this average price may be corrected to take into account differences in the date of entitlement to dividends and possibly decreased by a maximum discount of 20%;
 - state that the last three trading sessions referred to above will be those immediately preceding the setting of the issue price, which shall be set at the end of the period in which investors make firm or indicative subscription orders (the "book building" period) and based on the prices featured in these orders;
 - resolve that this authorization shall be given to the Board of Directors for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting;
 - note that the Board of Directors may use this authorization in the context of both the eleventh and the twelfth resolutions; and
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- note that, in the event that the Board of Directors should use the authorization given under this resolution, the Board must draw up an additional report certified by the Statutory Auditors describing the final conditions of the transaction and assessing the effective impact on the shareholders' situation.

14TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the number of shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities to be issued in the event of a capital increase within the limit of 15% of the initial issue and at the same price as the initial issue, with or without pre-emptive subscription rights for existing shareholders

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report, in accordance with article L.225-135-1 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders authorize the Board of Directors, subject to the adoption of the tenth to twelfth resolutions, for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting, to increase, in accordance with article R.225-118 of the French Commercial Code or any other applicable legal provisions, at its sole discretion and within the limit of **Overall limit I** and **Overall limit II** provided for under the eighteenth resolution, within thirty days of the close of subscriptions to the initial issue and within the limit of 15% of the initial issue and at the same price as that used for the initial issue, the number of shares or securities to be issued in the event of a share capital increase, with or without pre-emptive subscription rights, decided in accordance with the tenth to twelfth resolutions.

The shareholders note that the limit provided for in the first paragraph of article L.225-134 I of the French Commercial Code, will be increased in the same proportions.

The shareholders note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2011 (eighteenth resolution).

15TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital, without pre-emptive subscription rights, as consideration for contributions in kind made to the Company, within the limit of 10% of the share capital

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report and the Statutory Auditors' report, in accordance with paragraph 6 of article L.225-147 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to decide, based on the appraiser's report referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the abovementioned article L.225-147, to issue ordinary shares in the Company or securities giving access by any means, either immediately and/or in the future, to ordinary shares in the Company as consideration for contributions in kind granted to the Company and comprising shares or securities giving access to the share capital, where the provisions of article L.225-148 of the French Commercial Code are not applicable;
 - resolve that this authorization shall be given to the Board of Directors for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting;
 - resolve that the total nominal amount of capital increases that may be carried out immediately and/or in the future, shall not exceed 10% of the share capital, it being specified that (i) this limit of 10% may be calculated at any time in view of the fact that it applies to the share capital adjusted in light of transactions impacting it subsequent to this Meeting and not taking into account the nominal amount of capital increases that may take place by exercising the rights and securities already issued, the exercise of which has been deferred, and (ii) the amount of
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capital increases provided for in this resolution shall be included in **Overall limit I** provided for under the eighteenth resolution;

- resolve to cancel, where appropriate, the shareholders' pre-emptive right to subscribe for ordinary shares and securities issued under this resolution, in favor of the holders of the contributed shares and securities, and note that this authorization entails the waiver of the shareholders' pre-emptive right to subscribe for the ordinary shares in the Company to which the securities issued under this resolution may grant access;
- resolve that the Board of Directors may, where applicable, offset the costs, duties and fees arising from the issues provided for in this resolution against the amount of issue premiums and deduct the amount required to increase the statutory reserve;
- resolve that the Board of Directors will have full powers, in accordance with the law, which may be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under the conditions set by law, to implement this authorization and in particular to decide on the evaluation of the contributions and the granting of special benefits, record the completion of the capital increases carried out pursuant to this resolution, amend the bylaws accordingly, carry out all formalities and declarations and request all authorizations necessary to carry out these contributions;
- note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2011 (nineteenth resolution).

16TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to carry out a capital increase reserved for employees participating in a company savings plan, without pre-emptive subscription rights

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings, having considered the Board of Directors' report and the Statutory Auditors' special report and having noted that the share capital has been fully paid up, pursuant to articles L.3332-18 *et seq.* of the French Labor Code (*Code du travail*), articles L.225-129-2, L.225-129-6 (paragraphs 1 and 2) and L.225-138-1 of the French Commercial Code and in accordance with the provisions of said Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to increase the share capital, on one or more occasions, at its sole discretion, through the issue of shares or securities giving access to the share capital of the Company reserved for employees participating in a company savings plan in France or in foreign companies related to the Company in accordance with the conditions of article L.225-180 of the French Commercial Code and articles L.3344-1 and L.3344-2 of the French Labor Code, for a maximum nominal amount of €601,468, i.e., approximately 5% of the share capital at the date of this Meeting (including any free shares granted instead of the discount or as the employer's matching contribution under the conditions and subject to the limits set out in articles L.3332-18 *et seq.* of the French Labor Code), it being specified that this amount shall be included in **Overall limit I** provided for under the eighteenth resolution;
 - resolve that this authorization shall be given to the Board of Directors for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting;
 - resolve that the characteristics of the securities giving access to the share capital of the Company shall be decided by the Board of Directors in accordance with the law;
 - resolve that the subscription price of shares issued under this authorization will be set by the Board of Directors and determined in accordance with the conditions provided for in article L.3332-19 of the French Labor Code;
 - note that the Board of Directors may decide to issue shares or securities giving access to the share capital of the Company reserved for employees participating in a company savings plan at the same time or independently from one or several issues open to shareholders or third parties;
 - resolve to cancel the shareholders' pre-emptive subscription right to these shares, including shares resulting from the issue pursuant to this resolution of securities giving access to the share
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capital either immediately or in the future, in favor of employees, retired former employees and eligible corporate officers, within the meaning of the law, participating in a company savings plan; said shareholders would waive their right to any shares or securities which may be granted under this resolution, including any portion of reserves, profits or additional paid-in capital incorporated into the share capital in connection with the free grant of shares and securities issued pursuant to this resolution instead of the discount or as the employer's matching contribution;

- resolve that the Board of Directors will have full powers, which may be delegated in accordance with the law, to implement this authorization within the limits and under the conditions set out above, and in particular:
 - to set the characteristics of the securities to be issued, the amounts to be offered for subscription, and in particular to set the issue price, and, where applicable, the discount provided for in article L.3332-19 of the French Labor Code, the dates, deadlines, terms and conditions of subscription, payment, delivery and vesting of the securities, in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions;
 - to set the conditions to be met by employees (or retired former employees and eligible corporate officers) to subscribe for or acquire, individually or via a mutual fund or an investment company with variable capital, shares or other securities giving access to the share capital issued under this authorization;
 - to set the date, including retroactively, from which time the new shares or securities will give entitlement to dividends;
 - to take any measures necessary to protect the rights of holders of securities or other rights giving access to the share capital in accordance with the law and, where applicable, the contractual terms and conditions providing for other adjustments;
 - to record the completion of the capital increases for the amount of shares which will actually be subscribed or other securities issued pursuant to this authorization;
 - to offset, where applicable, the cost of the capital increases against the amount of shares which are actually subscribed or other securities issued pursuant to this authorization and deduct from this amount the sums required to increase the statutory reserve to one-tenth of the new share capital following these increases;
 - in the event of the issue of free shares instead of the discount or as the employer's matching contribution, to offset, where applicable, the sums required to pay up such shares against reserves, profits and additional paid-in capital, record the capital increases carried out pursuant to this authorization and amend the bylaws accordingly;
 - enter into all agreements, complete directly or by agent all transactions and procedures including the completion of formalities following share capital increases and the amendment of the bylaws to reflect these increases and, more generally, do whatever is necessary;
 - generally, enter into any agreement in particular to successfully carry out the planned issues, take all measures and carry out all formalities necessary for the issue, the listing and the financial management of the securities issued pursuant to this authorization as well as the exercise of the related rights;
 - note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2011 (twentieth resolution).
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17TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital through the capitalization of additional paid-in capital, reserves, profits or other items

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings, having considered the Board of Directors' report and having noted that the share capital has been fully paid up, in accordance with articles L.225-129-2 and L.225-130 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to decide to carry out one or more capital increases, in the amount and at the time it sees fit, through the capitalization of additional paid-in capital, reserves, profits or other items that are eligible for capitalization by virtue of the law or the bylaws, in the form of free share grants or an increase in the par value of existing shares or a combination of both;
 - resolve that this authorization shall be given to the Board of Directors for a period of twenty-six months from the date of this Meeting;
 - resolve that the total nominal amount of capital increases that may be carried out immediately and/or in the future, shall not exceed €4,210,280, i.e., approximately 35% of the share capital at the date of this Meeting, it being specified that this amount shall be included in **Overall limit I** provided for under the eighteenth resolution, to which may be added, where applicable, the additional nominal amount of shares to be issued to preserve, in accordance with the law and, where appropriate, the contractual terms and conditions providing for other adjustments, the rights of holders of securities giving access to shares;
 - in the event that the Board of Directors uses this authorization, resolve that in accordance with the provisions of article L.225-130 of the French Commercial Code, fractional share rights may not be traded and that the corresponding securities will be sold; the proceeds from the sale will be allocated to the holders of the rights within the period provided for by law;
 - resolve that the Board of Directors may, where applicable, offset the costs, duties and fees arising from the issues provided for in this resolution against one or several available reserve accounts and deduct the amount required to increase the statutory reserve;
 - resolve that the Board of Directors shall have full powers, in accordance with the law, which may be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under the conditions set by law, to implement this authorization and in particular to set the conditions of the issues provided for under this resolution, record the completion of these issues and amend the Company's bylaws accordingly;
 - note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2011 (seventeenth resolution).
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18TH RESOLUTION

Overall limit on authorizations

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report and noted that the share capital has been fully paid up, in accordance with article L.225-129-2 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- resolve that the total amount of capital increases that may be carried out immediately and/or in the future, pursuant to resolutions ten to seventeen proposed for approval before this Meeting, shall not exceed €4,210,280, i.e., approximately 35% of the share capital at the date of this Meeting, to which may be added, where applicable, the additional nominal amount of shares to be issued to preserve, in accordance with the law and, where appropriate, the contractual terms and conditions providing for other adjustments, the rights of holders of securities giving access to shares;
- resolve, in addition, that the total nominal amount of debt securities giving access by any means, immediately or in the future, to the share capital that may be issued pursuant to resolutions ten to fourteen of this Meeting shall not exceed five hundred (500) million euros or the equivalent of this amount in another currency, at the date of the issue decision.

19TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 38 months to grant existing shares or shares to be issued, without pre-emptive subscription rights

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report and the Statutory Auditors' special report, in accordance with the provisions of articles L.225-197-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to carry out, on one or more occasions, free grants of existing shares or shares to be issued by the Company, in favor of employees or certain categories of employees which may include employees of the Company or companies related to it within the meaning of article L.225-197-2 of the French Commercial Code, as well as eligible corporate officers in accordance with article L.225-197-1 of the French Commercial Code; in the case of grants of shares to be issued, this authorization shall involve, following the vesting period(s), a capital increase through the capitalization of reserves, profits and additional paid-in capital in favor of the beneficiaries of said shares;
 - resolve that the Board of Directors shall be authorized to carry out the share grants and determine the identity of the beneficiaries;
 - resolve that this authorization is given to the Board of Directors for a period of thirty-eight months from the date of this Meeting;
 - resolve that the share grants carried out under this authorization shall not cover a number of existing or new shares representing a percentage higher than 0.95% of the Company's share capital as reported at the close of this Annual General Meeting, this number not taking into account any adjustments that may be carried out in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and, where applicable, the contractual terms and conditions providing for other adjustments, to protect the rights of holders of securities or other rights giving access to the share capital;
 - resolve that the shares shall be definitively granted to the beneficiaries at the end of a vesting period, the duration of which will be set by the Board of Directors, it being understood that this period shall not be less than two years, and that the beneficiaries must hold said shares for a term set by the Board of Directors, it being specified that this lock-up period shall not be less than two years from the vesting date; however, where the vesting period for all or part of one
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or more share grants is equal to at least four years, the shareholders authorize the Board of Directors not to impose a lock-up period for the shares in question; to all intents and purposes, it is recalled that the Board of Directors may set vesting and lock-up periods of a duration longer than the minimum periods set out above;

- resolve, in addition, that in the event of a second or third category disability, as defined in article L.341-4 of the French Social Security Code (*Code de la sécurité sociale*), the shares will be definitively granted to the beneficiary before the end of the vesting period; these shares may be freely transferred as from the delivery date;
- note that this authorization shall automatically entail the waiver of the shareholders' pre-emptive right to subscribe for the shares that may be issued pursuant to this resolution in favor of the beneficiaries of said shares;
- resolve that the Board of Directors shall have full powers, in accordance with the law, which may be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under the conditions set by law, to implement this authorization and in particular to set the terms and conditions (including, where applicable, the performance conditions) of issues carried out pursuant to this authorization and the date of entitlement to dividends on the new shares, carry out, where appropriate, adjustments to the number of shares granted in the event of transactions affecting the share capital of the Company, record the completion of the capital increases, amend the Company's bylaws accordingly, and more generally, to complete all formalities necessary for the issue, listing and financial management of the securities issued pursuant to this resolution and carrying out any formalities required in accordance with the law;
- note that the Board of Directors will inform the Annual General Meeting each year, in accordance with the law, and in particular article L.225-197-4 of the French Commercial Code, of the transactions carried out pursuant to this resolution;
- note that this authorization supersedes any other prior authorization for the same purpose, and in particular, the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting of June 10, 2010 (twentieth resolution).

20TH RESOLUTION

Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors to use the authorizations referred to in the 10th, 16th and 19th resolutions during a public offer, subject to their approval

Voting in accordance with the quorum and majority rules applicable to extraordinary shareholders' meetings and having considered the Board of Directors' report and the Statutory Auditors' special report, in accordance with article L.233-33 of the French Commercial Code, the shareholders:

- authorize the Board of Directors to use, during a public offer involving shares in the Company and in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable at the date of such use, subject to the approval by the shareholders at this Meeting, the various authorizations and powers granted to the Board of Directors to increase, by any legal means, the share capital, under the conditions and subject to the limits specified in said authorizations and powers:
 - tenth resolution: Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, with pre-emptive subscription rights, within the limit of 35% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital
 - eleventh resolution: Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, without pre-emptive subscription rights, in the context of a public offer and within the limit of 35% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital
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- twelfth resolution: Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities, without pre-emptive subscription rights, in the context of an offer falling within the scope of paragraph 2 of article L.411-2 II of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), and within the limit of 20% of the share capital and €500 million for debt securities giving access by any means, either immediately or in the future, to the share capital
 - thirteenth resolution: Setting the issue price of ordinary shares and/or all securities giving access to the share capital, in the event of the cancelation of pre-emptive subscription rights, within the annual limit of 10% of the share capital
 - fourteenth resolution: Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the number of shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital or giving the right to the allocation of debt securities to be issued in the event of a capital increase within the limit of 15% of the initial issue and at the same price as the initial issue, with or without pre-emptive subscription rights for existing shareholders
 - fifteenth resolution: Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to increase the share capital by issuing ordinary shares or securities giving access to the Company's share capital, without pre-emptive subscription rights, as consideration for contributions in kind made to the Company, within the limit of 10% of the share capital
 - sixteenth resolution: Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 26 months to carry out a capital increase reserved for employees participating in a company savings plan, without pre-emptive subscription rights
 - nineteenth resolution: Authorization to be given to the Board of Directors for a period of 38 months to grant existing shares or shares to be issued, without pre-emptive subscription rights
- set the period of validity of this authorization, which supersedes, where applicable insofar as they have not been exercised, all authorizations previously granted for the same purpose, at eighteen months from the date of this Meeting.

21ST RESOLUTION

Full powers to be granted to the bearer of the minutes of this Meeting for the purpose of completing formalities

The shareholders grant full powers to the bearer of the minutes of this Meeting, or of a copy or extract thereof, for the purpose of completing all necessary formalities.



Written questions

In accordance with article R.225-84 of the French Commercial Code, all shareholders may submit questions in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Directors upon receipt of this notice. These questions must be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Company's registered office, by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt at the latest four working days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, accompanied by a share ownership certificate.

Requests for the inclusion of items or draft resolutions on the agenda

Requests for the inclusion of items or draft resolutions on the agenda submitted by shareholders meeting the conditions set out in article R.225-71 of the French Commercial Code must be sent to the registered office by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and received at least 25 calendar days before the Annual General Meeting, i.e., May 4, 2013, in accordance with article R.225-73 II of the French Commercial Code. Requests must be accompanied by a certificate of share ownership and must include the reasons for the requested additions to the agenda.

Requests for the inclusion of items or draft resolutions on the agenda must include the text of the resolutions, which may be accompanied by a short explanatory statement. If the draft resolution relates to the proposal of a candidate for appointment to the Board of Directors, it must be accompanied by the information outlined in paragraph 5 of article R.225-83 of the French Commercial Code.

The items or draft resolutions submitted by the shareholders in accordance with the law will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting provided such shareholders have submitted a request for a new certificate justifying the registration of their shares by the third working day before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Attending the Annual General Meeting

All shareholders have the right to attend the Annual General Meeting, irrespective of the number of shares they hold.

In accordance with article R.225-85 of the French Commercial Code, shareholders are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting if their shares are recorded for accounting purposes in their name or the name of their registered intermediary (in accordance with paragraph 7 of article L.228-1 of the French Commercial Code) on May 24, 2013 at midnight (CET), either in the registered share account kept by the Company (or its authorized agent), or in the bearer share account held by the authorized intermediary. Only those shareholders who meet the conditions provided for under article R.225-85 mentioned above may attend the Annual General Meeting.

The recognition or registration of shares in bearer share accounts by the financial intermediaries is evidenced by a share ownership certificate delivered by the latter.

Holders of registered shares who wish to attend the Annual General Meeting in person may either send a request for an admittance card to BNP Paribas Securities Services, CTS, Service Assemblées, Les Grands Moulins de Pantin, 9 rue du Débarcadère, 93761 Pantin Cedex or claim their card in person at the designated desk on the day of the Meeting with proof of identity.

Holders of bearer shares who wish to attend the Annual General Meeting in person must submit a request to the authorized intermediary holding their account, who will provide them with an admittance card. Any holder of bearer shares who has not received this admittance card three days before the Annual General Meeting should request a share ownership certificate from their financial intermediary proving that they own the shares by midnight (CET) on the third business day preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting, i.e., May 24, 2013.

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Instead of attending the Meeting in person, shareholders may choose one of the three following options:

1) Give proxy to the Company without indicating an agent, in which case the Company will vote to adopt the proposed resolutions presented or supported by the Board of Directors and vote against all other proposed resolutions;

2) Cast a postal vote;

For this Meeting it is not possible to vote by electronic means of communication; consequently there will be no Internet site set up for this purpose as referred to in article R.225-61 of the French Commercial Code.

3) Give proxy to their spouse, another shareholder, or the partner with whom they have entered into a civil union or any other individual or legal entity of their choice in accordance with the law.

For holders of registered shares:

The share ownership certificate and the postal voting form must be sent to BNP Paribas Securities Services, CTS, Service Assemblées, Les Grands Moulins de Pantin, 9 rue du Débarcadère, 93761 Pantin Cedex, France.

For holders of bearer shares:

The share ownership certificate and the postal voting form must be sent to their financial intermediary who will then forward them to BNP Paribas Securities Services, CTS, Service Assemblées, Les Grands Moulins de Pantin, 9 rue du Débarcadère, 93761 Pantin Cedex, France.

Postal votes will only be taken into account for postal voting forms which have been duly completed and which are received by the Company or the authorized intermediary referred to above, at least three days before the Annual General Meeting, i.e., May 24, 2013.

In no circumstances should a form appointing both a proxy and casting a postal vote be sent to the Company.

In accordance with the provisions of article R.225-79 of the French Commercial Code, notification of the appointment or revocation of a proxy may be notified by electronic means, as follows:

For holders or registered shares: by sending an email featuring an electronic signature obtained by the shareholder from an authorized third party certifier to the following email address: paris.bp2s.france.cts.mandats@bnpparibas.com, stating the name of the Company concerned, the date of the Meeting, the shareholder's surname, first name, address and BNP Paribas Securities Services login ID, as well as the surname, first name and address of the appointed or revoked proxy.

For holders or bearer shares or administered registered shares: by sending an email featuring an electronic signature obtained by the shareholder from an authorized third party to the following email address: paris.bp2s.france.cts.mandats@bnpparibas.com, stating the name of the Company concerned, the date of the Meeting, their surname, first name, address and full banking details, as well as the surname and first name of the appointed or revoked proxy; followed by a request to their authorized intermediary who manages their share account to send written confirmation to BNP Paribas Securities Services, CTS, Assemblées Générales, Les Grands Moulins de Pantin, 9, rue du Débarcadère, 93761 Pantin Cedex, France.

In order for notice of appointed or revoked proxies sent by electronic means to be validly taken into account, the related forms must be received by 3.00 p.m. (CET) the day before the Meeting at the latest. Postal forms indicating the appointment or revocation of proxies must be received at the latest three calendar days before the date of the Meeting.

In addition, only notice of the appointment or revocation of proxies may be sent to the email address above; requests or notices relating to any other matter will not be processed or taken into account.

In accordance with article R.225-85 of the French Commercial Code, any shareholder who has cast a postal vote, sent a proxy form or requested an admittance card or share ownership certificate may sell all or some of his/her shares at any time. However, if the sale takes place before midnight (CET) on the third business day prior to the Meeting, bioMérieux will declare invalid or modify the postal vote,

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the proxy form, the admittance card or the share ownership certificate, as the case may be, accordingly. No sale carried out after midnight (CET) on the third business day prior to the Meeting, i.e., May 24, 2013, will be taken into consideration by bioMérieux.

Documents made available to shareholders

In accordance with article R.225-88 of the French Commercial Code, shareholders may obtain the documents and information referred to in articles R.225-81 and R.225-83 of said Code by simply sending a request to the Company or BNP Paribas Securities Services. The documents referred to in article R.225-83 of the French Commercial Code will also be made available to shareholders at the Company's registered office.

All of the related information and documents referred to in article R.225-73-1 of the French Commercial Code can also be consulted, at the latest twenty-one days before the Annual General Meeting, i.e., May 7, 2013, on the Company's website (www.biomerieux-finance.com) under the Shareholder Area – General Shareholders' Meeting section.

This preliminary notice of meeting will be followed by a convening notice containing any changes made to the agenda following requests to include draft resolutions submitted by the shareholders or the Works Council.

The Board of Directors
