



Press Release

AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding Convenes Corporate General Assembly with a Record Number of Attendees

Arbon, 18 April 2008. **The 21st regularly-scheduled General Assembly of the company AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG in the Seepark Auditorium in Arbon, Switzerland, registered more than 1,000 attendees, the most to ever attend this event. Never before in the history of the firm did so many investors and invited guests take part. The shareholders in attendance unanimously voted for the approval of all of the proposals put forward by the Administrative Board. The investors agreed to the distribution of a gross dividend amounting to CHF 10.00 for each bearer stock and CHF 2.00 for each nominal share.**

In his review of the previous business year, Dr. Edgar Oehler, President and Delegate of the Administrative Board, pointed out that AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG continued to build on its already high levels of stature, solidarity and calculability during the past reporting period. The company successfully and substantially expanded its product portfolio throughout 2007. This goal was achieved with the takeovers of STI | Hartchrom in Steinach (St. Gallen), of RWD Schlatter AG in Roggwil (Thurgau) and Aqualux Products Holdings Ltd. in Wednesbury (United Kingdom). The company's dependency of the building industry was, as a result, reduced further. The internationalization of the group will continue to be a major focal point during the coming business year. The merger of the largest manufacturer of doors and windows in Slovakia, Slovaktual s.r.o. in Pravenec, with EgoKiefer AG Windows and Doors has, in the meantime, been completed and this hence becomes the fifth AFG division, which is active on an international scale. The requirements placed upon organic growth of the company for the business year 2007 were met. Total sales, includes those achieved by the newly acquired companies, increased by almost 20% in 2007, amounting in total to CHF 1,471 million.

Additions to the Executive Management Team

With the naming of Thomas Reifler as Director of the Surface Technologies Division (since 1 April 2008) and of Hans Georg Derks as Director of the Kitchen and Cooling System Division (starting 1 June 2008), two important additions were made to the executive management team. Both division directors were named as members of the executive board of the company. In order to further improve the earning strength of AFG in a sustainable manner, Dr. Edgar Oehler announced to implementation of the optimization program "Avanti uno". This program will include, among many other aspects, the centralization of the company's procurement activities, an increase in pro-



ductive efficiency, the substantiation of the roles of the leadership team, as well as other key measures. The continued increase in gross turnover, improvement of net earning situation, price stability and an increase in productivity were all set down as goals for the current business year.

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Investor's Calendar

18 April 2008	Regularly-scheduled General Assembly in the Seepark Auditorium in Arbon (Thurgau)
5 August 2008	Mid-year Financial Results 2008
27 January 2009	Sales Results 2008
17 March 2009	Press Orientation for the Financial Statement and Analyst Conference for the Business Year 2008
17 April 2009	Regularly-scheduled General Assembly 2008

AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG – Leading integrated supplier for the building industry

AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG, with its headquarters in Arbon, Switzerland, is a leading integrated supplier for the building industry. The company is listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange and organized into five divisions: heating technology and sanitary equipment, kitchens and cooling systems, windows and doors, steel technology and surface technology. Production facilities are located in Switzerland, Germany, France, the USA, the Czech Republic, England, China and in Slovakia. The company maintains a total of about 50 of its own manufacturing and sales locations around the world. Agents, representatives and partners are active in more than 70 countries. AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG enjoys a strong market presence, specifically in home improvement hardware outlets in Switzerland and Germany, through its brand-names Arbonia, Kermi, Prolux, Asco Swiss, Aqualux, Forster Kitchens, Forster Cooling Systems, Piatti, Miele The Kitchen, EgoKiefer, RWD Schlatter, Slovaktual, Forster Precision Steel Tubing, Forster Profile Systems und STI | Hartchrom. New markets are quickly being developed in Eastern Europe, Russia, the Middle East and the Far East.