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### **Results of the SPG extraordinary general meeting: Shareholders approve par value reduction with distribution of treasury shares**

- **Transaction creates necessary conditions for enhanced liquidity and trading at a price close to the share's net asset value**
- **Distribution to shareholders scheduled for mid-February 2011**

With more than 99% of represented shareholder votes, today's extraordinary general meeting of Sustainable Performance Group AG (SPG) approved the proposal of the Board of Directors to carry out a capital reduction in the form of a par value reduction with distribution of treasury shares. The purpose of this measure is to markedly reduce the stock of treasury shares below the legal threshold of 10%, thus enabling the leading investment company for sustainable investments to resume trading actively in its own shares and create liquidity.

#### **Greater leeway for trading of treasury shares**

The decision for the capital reduction was made in light of the continuing fallout from the financial crisis, which has led to a generally poor year-to-date performance of the SPG share and caused the share to trade at an unusually high discount compared with its net asset value (NAV). As in the past, SPG actively traded its treasury shares in 2010 to provide for sufficient market liquidity.

Due to the challenging market environment, the stock of treasury shares has, in the meantime, almost reached its legal maximum of 10%. This severely restricts the company's ability to trade in its own shares. The aim of the transaction approved today is to reduce or even eliminate the share's temporary discount caused by the difficult market environment and to ensure that shareholders can trade SPG shares on the stock market at a price close to their net asset value.

#### **No impact on net asset value**

SPG shareholders approved the Board of Directors' proposed resolution to reduce the ordinary share capital from CHF 53,760,000 by CHF 12,096,000.00 to CHF 41,664,000.00. To this end, the par value of the 672,000 bearer shares will be reduced from CHF 80.00 to CHF 62.00 per share.

The reduction amount will be used for a distribution of SPG shares to shareholders scheduled for the mid-February 2011. The value of shareholders' participation is not affected by this transaction; it will be the same before and after the reduction in par value.

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