



Essilor Annual General Meeting 2013

All resolutions passed

Maureen Cavanagh appointed to the Board of Directors as representative of employee shareholders

Charenton-le-Pont (France), 16 May 2013 – Essilor International's combined Ordinary and Extraordinary Annual General Meeting was held today at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, chaired by Hubert Sagnières, the Group's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Essilor's shareholders approved all of the resolutions put to the meeting, including the distribution of a dividend of 0,88 € per share for the 2012 financial year, which will be paid to shareholders from 4 June 2013, and the reappointment of Mireille Faugère, Yves Chevillote and Xavier Fontanet as members of the Board of Directors.

They also approved the appointment of Maureen Cavanagh, a member of the Board of Directors of the employee shareholders' association Valoptec, as a new member of the Board.

The appointment of Ms. Cavanagh, who is American, will help to broaden international representation and increase the diversity of the Board, which has two members from Asia and Europe amongst its other representatives of Essilor employee shareholders. North America currently represents almost 35% of the Group's sales.

Hubert Sagnières, commenting on the appointment, said, "*We are happy to welcome Maureen Cavanagh to the Board as a representative of our employee shareholders. Her involvement is a reflection of the deep-rooted and ongoing commitment of Essilor's employees to the governance of the Group. Employee share ownership is a key factor in the success of the business and has been an integral part of Essilor's culture for several decades, as a means of motivating and retaining employees' throughout the world.*"

Essilor has been a pioneer in innovative governance since 1972, when it established a unique model that brought three members of the Employee Shareholders' Association onto the Board. Today, the Group has almost 15,000 shareholders who are either employees, retired, former employees or partners in over 40 countries, representing 8.3% of its capital.

Each member of the Association is fully involved in all major decisions and is called on to cast a vote of confidence every year on the business's strategy, human resources and social policies.

Maureen Cavanagh was born in America and is President of Nassau Lens Company and OOGP, two of Essilor's subsidiaries in the United States. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of Essilor of America. She moved to Essilor from Johnson & Johnson in October 2005, following Essilor's acquisition of its ophthalmic lenses business, "The Spectacle Lens Group". Since May 2012, she has represented the Essilor Employee Shareholders' Association in the United States and is a member of the Board of Valoptec Association.

A video broadcast of the Annual General Meeting will be available from May 17 at:
<http://hosting.3sens.com/Essilor/20130516-CD6D9066/en/>

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About Essilor

The world's leading ophthalmic optics company, Essilor designs, manufactures and markets a wide range of lenses to improve and protect eyesight. Its corporate mission is to enable everyone around the world to access lenses that meet his or her unique vision requirements. To support this mission, the Company allocates more than €150 million to research and innovation every year, in a commitment to continuously bring new, more effective products to market. Essilor's flagship brands are Varilux[®], Crizal[®], Definity[®], Xperio[®], Optifog[™] and Foster Grant[®]. It also develops and markets equipment, instruments and services for eyecare professionals.

Essilor reported consolidated revenue of approximately €5 billion in 2012 and employs around 50 700 people. It operates in some 100 countries with 22 plants, more than 400 prescription laboratories and edging facilities, as well as several research and development centers around the world.

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The Essilor share trades on the NYSE Euronext Paris market and is included in the EuroStoxx 50 and CAC 40 indices.

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