



SHARE BUYBACK PROGRAM

Weekly announcement of treasury share transactions

Issuer: **Essilor International**

Share category: ordinary shares (ISIN: FR0000121667)

Description of the program presented in the Registration Document submitted to the French securities regulator (AMF) on March 29, 2011.

Charenton-le-Pont (March 7, 2012) – In accordance with Article 241-4 of the AMF's *Règlement Général* and in line with the share buyback program approved by shareholders at their Annual Meeting of May 5, 2011, Essilor International hereby announces that the following share buybacks were conducted between **March 1st, 2012 and March 2nd, 2012**:

Session	Number of shares purchased	Weighted average price (in €)	Amount (in €)
01/03/2012	14,000	59.1585	828,219.00
TOTAL	14,000		828,219.00

These transactions did not involve the use of derivative instruments.

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 around €150 million to research and development 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 €4.2 billion in 2011 and employs nearly 48,700 people.

It operates 19 plants, a total of 390 prescription laboratories and edging facilities, as well as several research and development centers around the world.

For more information, please visit www.essilor.com.

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

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