



SHARE BUYBACK PROGRAM

Weekly announcement of treasury share transactions

Issuer: **Essilor International**

Share category: ordinary shares (ISIN: FR 0000121667)

Description of the program presented in the Registration Document submitted to the French securities regulator (AMF) on March 30, 2010

Charenton-le-Pont (January 23, 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 11, 2010, Essilor International hereby announces that the following share buybacks were conducted between **January 16, 2012 and January 20, 2012**:

Session	Number of shares purchased	Weighted average price (in €)	Amount (in €)
20/01/2012	61,604	56.0250	3,451,364.10
TOTAL	61,604		3,451,364.10

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 more than €3.9 billion in 2010 and employs 42,700 people in around 100 countries. It operates 14 plants, 332 prescription laboratories and 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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