



CRH controls 99.49% of the shares of Gétaz Romang

On 15 March 2007, CRH Europe Holding BV ("CRH Europe") made a public takeover offer for all publicly held registered shares of Gétaz Romang Holding SA ("Gétaz Romang"). The net offer price per share of Gétaz Romang is CHF 1,125 net.

CRH Europe announces that by the end of the additional acceptance period, which expired on 3 May 2007, 319,277 shares of Gétaz Romang had been notified for acceptance in the offer. This corresponds to 99.24% of the shares which were held by the public at the time of the publication of the offer. During the offer period and the additional acceptance period, CRH Europe has not purchased on or off exchange any share of Gétaz Romang.

Taking into account the 43,000 shares of Gétaz Romang indirectly held by CRH Europe before publication of the offer, the 113,040 shares conditionally purchased from Messrs. Jean-Jacques Miauton and Sébastien Mottier on 4 March 2007, the 2,244 shares held in treasury by Gétaz Romang and the 319,277 shares notified for acceptance in the offer, CRH Europe currently controls a total of 477,561 shares of Gétaz Romang, representing 99.49% of the share capital of the company.

To the extent that the remaining conditions to the offer are fulfilled or waived by this date, (in particular the removal of the share transfer and voting rights restrictions from the articles of association of Gétaz Romang and the appointment of CRH's candidates to the board of directors of Gétaz Romang, which the ordinary shareholders meeting of Gétaz Romang of 11 May 2007 will resolve on), the offer price with respect to shares of Gétaz Romang having validly been notified for acceptance during the offer period and the additional acceptance period will be paid, and the delivery of such shares to CRH Europe will take place, on **18 May 2007**.

The 113,040 shares of Gétaz Romang, conditionally purchased from Messrs. Jean-Jacques Miauton and Sébastien Mottier pursuant to the terms of the share purchase agreement dated 4 March 2007 entered into between the above mentioned shareholders and CRH Europe, will be transferred to CRH Europe on 25 May 2007.