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Lonza has completed Share Buyback

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Lonza Group has completed its share buyback program started on August 22, 2001 for a maximum of 10 % of its share capital. A total of 481007 registered shares of CHF 10 par value each were bought back corresponding to 8,70 % of the share capital. The average purchase price amounted to CHF 997 per share. The buyback was carried out via a second trading line installed specially for the share buyback on virt-x.

The Board of Directors will propose to the Shareholders' meeting on March 27, 2002 a capital reduction equivalent to the buyback volume.

Lonza Group is a Life Sciences driven chemical company headquartered in Switzerland, with sales of CHF 1.86 billion in 2001 and operating 12 facilities in 6 countries. It employs 4900 people worldwide and is the leading supplier of active chemical ingredients, intermediates and biotechnology solutions to the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries. It also offers a broad catalogue of organic intermediates for a wide range of applications such as pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, vitamins, food and feedstuff, dyes and pigments, adhesives and fragrances. Furthermore the Group manufactures specialty biocides and oleochemicals. For more information on Lonza Group please visit the company's website at www.lonzagroup.com.

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