

All agenda items approved at Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders

Umicore today held an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders at its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Shareholders approved all of the eight agenda items. Details of the resolutions and the voting split will be available on Umicore's website later today.

The cancellation of 1,197,325 shares (Resolution 3) is effective immediately. The total number of outstanding shares now stands at 25,000,000. Subsequent to the cancellation of shares, Umicore holds 1,064,419 shares in treasury. This corresponds to 4.26% of the new number of outstanding shares.

The existing Umicore shares and VVPR strips will be split by a factor of five on 29 February 2008 (Resolution 5). New ISIN codes will apply for the shares: BE0003884047 for the ordinary shares and BE0005623948 for the VVPR strips. The shares and strips may be held in dematerialized form or be registered with the company. For additional information on dematerialization and the stock split please go to the following pages of Umicore's Investor Relations website:

http://www.investorrelations.umicore.com/en/shareInformation/shareholderMeetings/2008Feb/FAQ_demmat_EN.htm

http://www.investorrelations.umicore.com/en/shareInformation/shareholderMeetings/2008Feb/FAQ_split_EN.htm

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Umicore profile

Umicore is a materials technology group. Its activities are centred on four business areas: Advanced Materials, Precious Metals Products and Catalysts, Precious Metals Services and Zinc Specialties. Each business area is divided into market-focused business units.

Umicore focuses on application areas where it knows its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy can make a real difference, be it in products that are essential to everyday life or those at the cutting edge of new technological developments. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on this ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life.

The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base; it generated a turnover of €8.2 billion (€1.7 billion excluding metal) in 2006 and currently employs some 14,000 people.