

Media Release

Resolutions of the 2009 AGM

West Chester (PA), USA, April 23, 2009

Synthes (SWX: SYST.VX) held its 10th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on April 22, 2009 at 4 pm at the Landhaus in Solothurn.

69,529,498 of the 118,717,913 issued and outstanding shares were represented at the AGM. The 168 shareholders attending the meeting represented 58.6% of the total capital.

The following resolutions were passed with few dissenting votes and abstentions:

Agenda item 3

The shareholders approved the report on the financial year, the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts for 2008.

Agenda item 4

The shareholders took note of a dividend of CHF 1.10 per share of common stock. The dividend will be paid out on April 30, 2009.

Agenda item 5

The shareholders elected Messrs Dr. David Helfet, André Müller, Felix Pardo and Dr. h.c.mult. Hansjörg Wyss to the Board of Directors as Class I Directors for a term of three years.

Agenda item 6

The shareholders ratified the selection of Ernst & Young as auditors of Synthes, Inc. for 2009.

The meeting was closed at 5.15 pm.

Synthes: A leading medical device company

Synthes is a leading global medical device company. We develop, produce and market instruments, implants and biomaterials for the surgical fixation, correction and regeneration of the human skeleton and its soft tissues.

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