

## DELHAIZE GROUP SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE 2008 DIVIDEND

*BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 28, 2009 - Delhaize Group (Euronext Brussels: DELB, NYSE: DEG), the Belgian international food retailer, announced today that during its Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting its shareholders have approved the annual accounts for fiscal year 2008 and the distribution of a EUR 1.48 gross dividend. After deduction of a 25% withholding tax, this results in a net dividend of EUR 1.11 per share.*

The 2008 dividend will become payable to owners of ordinary shares against coupon no. 47. The Delhaize Group shares will start trading ex-coupon on June 1, 2009. The record date is June 3, 2009 and the dividend will be payable as from June 4, 2009. The ADR dividend record date is June 3, 2009 and the payment of the dividend to Delhaize Group's ADR holders will be made through Citibank beginning on June 9, 2009.

During the General Meeting, Delhaize Group's President and Chief Executive Officer, Pierre-Olivier Beckers, confirmed the earlier-announced earnings guidance for the full year 2009.

The shareholders approved the renewal of the director's mandates of Mrs. Claire Babrowski, Mr. Pierre-Olivier Beckers, Count Jacobs de Hagen and Mr. Didier Smits, for a period of three years. The mandate of Mr. Jack L. Stahl, who was appointed director by the Board of Directors on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to fill the un-expired term of the mandate of Dr. William L. Roper, was confirmed by the shareholders at the extraordinary general meeting held on April 29, 2009. The shareholders acknowledged that Mrs. Claire Babrowski, Count Jacobs de Hagen and Jack L. Stahl satisfy the requirements for independence under the Belgian Company Code, and appointed them as independent Directors thereunder.

The speeches and presentations of the General Meeting are available on Delhaize Group's corporate website ([www.delhaizegroup.com](http://www.delhaizegroup.com)). The minutes of the Meeting and the results of the votes will be made available on the Company website in the coming days.

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Delhaize Group is a Belgian food retailer present in seven countries on three continents. At the end of the first quarter of 2009, Delhaize Group's sales network consisted of 2 670 stores. In 2008, Delhaize Group posted EUR 19 billion (USD 28 billion) in revenues and EUR 467 million (USD 687 million) in net profit (Group share). At the end of 2008, Delhaize Group employed approximately 141 000 people. Delhaize Group's stock is listed on Euronext Brussels (DELB) and the New York Stock Exchange (DEG).

This press release is available in English, French and Dutch. You can also find it on the website <http://www.delhaizegroup.com>. Questions can be sent to [investor@delhaizegroup.com](mailto:investor@delhaizegroup.com).

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