

## Press Release

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## Directors : Société Générale Board of Directors' proposals to the 2006 shareholders' General Meeting

The Board of Directors of Société Générale proposes that shareholders at the General Meeting scheduled for May 30, 2006, renew the appointments of Mr Robert DAY and Mr Elie COHEN, and appoint two new independent directors: Mr Luc VANDEVELDE to replace Mr Euan BAIRD, who is resigning, and Mr Gianemilio OSCULATI to replace Mr Yves CANNAC, whose current mandate is due to expire.

Mr Luc VANDEVELDE, 55, a Belgian national, is Chairman of Carrefour's Supervisory Board, Director of Vodafone and founder of the London-based private equity fund Change Capital Partners. He has extensive international experience in the agri-food and mass-market retail sectors, having carried out chief financial officer and, subsequently, general manager roles at a number of blue-chip companies (Kraft, Promodès, Carrefour and Marks & Spencer) in several European countries as well as in the United States.

Mr Gianemilio OSCULATI, 59, an Italian national, is Chairman of McKinsey's Mediterranean Office. He has an in-depth knowledge of the financial sector thanks to his work as a consultant specialising in the sector and six years as general manager of Banca d'America e d'Italia, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank.

If the General Meeting approves these proposals, the Board of Directors will comprise 15 members, including 4 non-French nationals and 8 independent directors. The number of staffelected directors will decrease from three to two after the shareholders' meeting, as a result of the by-law approved last year. Mr Philippe PRUVOST and Mr Gérard REVOLTE have been elected.

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