

## **Press Release**

### **Bossard Group**

### **Annual General Meeting of Bossard Holding AG**

#### **AGM approves all proposals**

The ordinary annual general meeting of Bossard Holding AG, Zug, Switzerland, the holding company for Bossard Group, the leading supplier worldwide of components, engineering and logistics solutions for industrial fastening technology, approved all the proposals made by the board of directors. The general meeting was held in Zug, Switzerland, and was chaired by the chairman of the board, Dr. Thomas Schmuckli.

Among other things, the shareholders approved the board's proposal that the dividend payout ratio should be raised from 30 percent to 40 percent of net income. Out of the consolidated net income for 2010 of CHF 44.9 million (2009: CHF 15.3 million) a gross dividend of CHF 6 (2009: CHF 1.50) per bearer share will be paid, four times the amount paid out in 2009. The dividend payout date is April 19, 2011.

Moreover, all the changes to the articles of incorporation proposed by the board were approved by the general meeting.

Prof. Stefan Michel was elected to the board for a three-year period of office to replace Rolf E. Thurnherr. Urs Fankhauser, already a member of the board, was elected for a three-year period to take over Rolf Thurnherr's duties as the representative of the holders of bearer shares. The general meeting also approved the board's proposal to reelect the remaining members of the board for a further period of office.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich, Switzerland, was reelected as statutory auditor for the 2011 business year.

The annual general meeting was attended by 458 shareholders representing 3,437,417 of a total of 5,126,952 votes.

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**Profile:**

Bossard is a fastening technology and logistics company operating globally. Its full-service package focuses on fasteners and includes worldwide sales, technical and engineering support, and inventory management. Its customer base is made up of local and multinational industrial companies. The Group has 1,500 employees in more than 50 locations worldwide and reported sales of 500 million Swiss francs in the year 2010. Bossard is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.