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General Shareholders' Meeting of HanseYachts AG for Fiscal Year 2007/2008

Net earnings carried forward
All items on the agenda approved

Today the regularly scheduled general shareholders' meeting of HanseYachts AG took place for fiscal year 2007/2008. Around 72 percent of the share capital eligible to vote was represented at the meeting.

The management board explained HanseYachts' strategy and presented the results for the completed fiscal year (1 August 2007 to 31 July 2008), in which the HanseYachts Group was able to increase turnover to 135.3 million and thus to exceed last year by a considerable margin.

Shareholders had five items on the agenda, which they had to decide. Both the supervisory board and the management board received convincing votes of approval (over 99 percent in both cases). Furthermore, the management board was empowered to acquire its own shares up to a total of 10 percent of current share capital.

The central focus was concentrated on utilising earnings. With 99.5 percent of the share capital eligible to vote represented at the meeting, the shareholders approved the proposal of the management board to carry earnings forward in full as a separate item, thereby strengthening the financial situation of HanseYachts AG. This is necessary in order to be able to manoeuvre through the worldwide crisis flexibly and independently, explained Udo Potthast, CFO of HanseYachts AG.

HanseYachts is one of the fastest growing shipyards in Europe. Sailing yachts under the Hanse and Moody brands as well as motor yachts under the Fjord brand are currently being built that range from 24 ft to 63 ft. In 2008 HanseYachts AG celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Hanse brand. Under this brand the first sailing yacht produced on an assembly line, the Hanse 291, was manufactured in Greifswald in 1993. From the very beginning the concept of our shipyard was to offer technologically sophisticated yachts for private ownership with convenient handling and outstanding value for money. This, coupled with an innovative design concept, has resulted in the success, which HanseYachts has been enjoying in its markets ever since. HanseYachts AG has been publicly listed on the General Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since March 2007.

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