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## Annual General Meeting – Shareholders approve all proposals of the Board of Directors

Altstätten, April 20, 2012 – The Annual General Meeting of COLTENE Holding AG (SIX Swiss Exchange: CLTN) passed all motions proposed by the Board of Directors. The shareholders approved the annual report, the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements 2011 and decided to carry forward the available balance for 2011 to the 2012 accounts. In addition, the shareholders voted for the tax-optimized distribution of CHF 1.10 per share out of reserves from previous capital contributions. All Directors of the Board were re-elected for a term of one year. Finally, Ernst & Young, St. Gallen, was appointed the statutory auditor.

The distribution of CHF 1.10 per registered share out of capital contribution reserves results in a yield of 3.5% based on the closing share price of CHF 31.85 (as per December 30, 2011). The distribution will be paid on April 27, 2012 (Payment Date). Positions entitled to distribution will be determined on April 26, 2012 (Record Date) while the shares will be traded ex dividend as from April 24, 2012 (Ex-Date).

The Board of Directors remains unchanged and comprises the following members: Nicklaus Huber (Präsident), Robert Heberlein, Erwin Locher, Matthew Robin and Jerry Sullivan.

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## **About COLTENE**

COLTENE is an internationally leading developer, manufacturer and seller of dental consumables and small equipment. COLTENE has state-of-the-art production facilities in the USA, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary and Brazil. Dentists and dental labs use COLTENE products for traditional as well as implant-based therapies and dental reconstructions. The registered shares of COLTENE Holding AG (CLTN) are listed on SIX Swiss Exchange. Learn more about COLTENE and our products at <a href="https://www.coltene.com">www.coltene.com</a>.

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