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Dividends approved at prior-year level

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Unternehmen/General Meeting

Today's Annual General Meeting of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA in Düsseldorf provided around 2,500 shareholders with an overview of the company's development and performance in fiscal 2008.

"Fiscal 2008 was a real challenge for Henkel. Despite the difficult economic environment around the world, we sustained our good position," commented Kasper Rorsted, Chairman of the Henkel Management Board, in offering an overall assessment of the company's performance in the last full reporting period. "Once again, all our business sectors were able to outperform their respective markets with our businesses in the emerging markets making a particularly strong contribution with an overall sales share of 37 percent," said Rorsted.

Resolution on dividends The Annual General Meeting approved a dividend of 0.51 euros per ordinary share and 0.53 euros per preferred share. This means that the dividend levels match those of the previous year.

Amendments to the Articles of Association The AGM likewise approved the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association, including those with respect to the election of substitute members of the Shareholders' Committee and compensation for the Audit Committee.

For more than 130 years, Henkel has been a leader with brands and technologies that make people's lives easier, better and more beautiful. Henkel operates in three business areas - Home Care, Personal Care, and Adhesive Technologies - and is ranked among the Fortune Global 500 companies. More than 60 percent of Henkel's sales are in fast-moving consumer goods, while the industrial business accounts for almost 40 percent of the company's total sales. In fiscal 2008, Henkel generated sales of 14,131 million euros and adjusted operating profit of 1,460 million euros. Henkel's more than 55,000 employees worldwide are dedicated to fulfilling the company's corporate claim, "A Brand like a Friend," and ensuring that people in more than 125 countries can trust in brands and technologies from Henkel.

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