

## Media release

# COMET Group: Annual Shareholder Meeting approves all proposals of the Board of Directors

**Flamatt, April 18, 2012. The Annual Shareholder Meeting of COMET Holding AG approved with an overwhelming majority all proposals put forward by the Board of Directors. Prof. Dr. Gian-Luca Bona, CEO of Empa was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors.**

103 shareholders attended the Annual Shareholder Meeting of COMET Holding AG in Berne, which together with the votes delegated to the independent shareholder representative, represented a total of 379'623 (49.79%) of the voting rights of COMET Holding AG.

### **Approval of the annual financial statements and the distribution of paid-in capital**

The Annual Shareholder Meeting approved the 2011 annual report and financial statements. Retained earnings of CHF 21.1 million were carried forward to new account. The proposal by the Board of Directors for the transfer of paid-in capital and the payment of CHF 4.00 per registered share from the distributable paid-in capital reserve were also approved. Shareholders will receive the payment on April 25, 2012. The Board of Directors was granted full discharge for 2011.

### **Re-elections and new election**

Members standing for re-election to the Board of Directors, Hans Hess, Hans Leonz Notter, Lucas A. Grolimund and Rolf Huber, were appointed for a further one-year term up to the 2013 Annual Shareholder Meeting. Hans Hess will continue as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Prof. Dr. Gian-Luca Bona, CEO of Empa was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors. He will take over as Head of the Innovation and Technology Committee.

### **Election of the auditors**

The Annual Shareholder Meeting also approved the Board of Directors' proposal to extend the mandate of Ernst & Young AG as the auditors of COMET Holding AG for a further year. Ernst & Young AG has already confirmed in writing that it will be pleased to accept the mandate.

The next Annual Shareholder Meeting of COMET Holding AG will be held on April 18, 2013 in Berne.

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**2012 corporate calendar:**

August 23, 2012

Publication of the 2012 half-year report

November 14, 2012

Investor Day 2012

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The COMET Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of systems and components for the non-destructive testing, security and semi-conductor markets. With the acquisition of the YXLON Group, it became the global market leader in the non-destructive testing of materials using X-ray technology. With core competencies in vacuum technology, high-voltage engineering and materials science and core products that include X-ray tubes and vacuum capacitors, COMET provides a comprehensive and highly flexible range of components, modules, systems and services - all from a single source.

COMET was founded in 1948 and is based in Flamatt, near Berne, in Switzerland. The COMET Group is represented in all global markets. The company has production facilities in Switzerland, Germany and Denmark and owns subsidiaries in the US, China and Japan. Its business areas are split between the OEM and retail divisions. COMET shares (COTN) are traded on the SIX Swiss Exchange.