

# Press Release

## CSM ANNOUNCES STOCK DIVIDEND ON ORDINARY SHARES

**Diemen, the Netherlands, 4 May 2009 – CSM nv announces that its stock dividend has been set at 1/21 part of a share per CSM share. This has been calculated on the basis of the weighted average share price on 27, 28 and 29 April 2009.**

As was reported on 23 April 2009, the Annual Shareholders' Meeting has set the dividend for the financial year 2008 at EUR 0.88 per share. Of this dividend EUR 0.44 will be paid in cash and in principle be subject to the Dutch dividend withholding tax of 15%. The remaining EUR 0.44 will be paid in shares and charged to the reserves.

Both the cash and stock dividends will be payable on 6 May 2009.

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**Background information:**

CSM is the largest supplier of bakery products worldwide and is global market leader in lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives. CSM produces and distributes an extensive range of bakery products and ingredients for artisan and industrial bakeries and for in-store as well as out-of-home markets. It also produces a variety of lactic acid applications for the food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries. CSM operates in business-to-business markets throughout Europe, North America, South America, and Asia, generates annual sales of €2.6 billion and has a workforce of around 8,450 employees in 25 countries. CSM is listed on Euronext Amsterdam. For more information: [www.csm.nl](http://www.csm.nl).