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Press Release

CSM General Shareholders' Meeting approves dividend

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The CSM General Shareholders Meeting held on April 29, 2010 approved the proposed dividend of € 0.88 per common share for financial year 2009. The meeting also approved the appointment of Mr R.H.P. Markham as member of the Supervisory Board effective January 1, 2011 and the re-appointment of Mr N.J.M. Kramer (CFO) as member of the CSM Board of Management.

Shareholders can choose between a cash dividend and a stock dividend charged to the reserves. Dividend in cash will in principle be subject to Dutch dividend withholding tax of 15%. The ex-date is May 3, 2010 and the record date May 5, 2010. The election period will be from May 6 through May 17. The fixation rate will be determined on May 17 after close of trading, based on the weighted average share price on May 13, 14 and 17, 2010. The newly issued shares will share in the profit as from financial year 2010 onwards. Both cash and stock dividend will be paid on May 20, 2010.

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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 € 3 billion (pro forma 2009) and has a workforce of around 10,000 employees in 25 countries. CSM is listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. For more information: www.csmglobal.com