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AkzoNobel share buyback program (week 20 of 2008)

AkzoNobel (Euronext Amsterdam: AKZ) has announced that, in line with the launch of its €1 billion share buyback program on March 17, 2008, the company has repurchased 1,206,983 ordinary shares in the period May 12 until May 16, 2008. Shares were repurchased at an average price of €52.52.

The €1 billion program is the first tranche of a €3 billion share buyback program.

The total number of shares repurchased under this program to date is 5,675,733 ordinary shares for a total consideration of €303.1 million.

For detailed information on the daily repurchased shares, see the AkzoNobel website at

http://www.akzonobel.com/investor_relations/share_buyback_overview/index.aspx

Note to editors

AkzoNobel is proud to be one of the world's leading industrial companies. Based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, we make and supply a wide range of paints, coatings and specialty chemicals - pro forma 2007 revenue totaled €14.4 bln. In fact, we are the largest global paints and coatings company. As a major producer of specialty chemicals we supply industries worldwide with quality ingredients for life's essentials. We think about the future, but act in the present. We're passionate about introducing new ideas and developing sustainable answers for our customers. That's why our 60,000 employees - who are based in more than 80 countries - are committed to excellence and delivering Tomorrow's Answers Today.

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