



# News Release

## **Annual General Meeting 2007 of Barry Callebaut AG All motions approved by shareholders**

*Zurich, Switzerland, November 29, 2007* – The ordinary Annual General Meeting of Barry Callebaut AG, the world's leading manufacturer of cocoa and chocolate products, was held on Thursday, November 29, 2007, in Zurich under the chairmanship of Andreas Jacobs, Chairman of the Board. All motions proposed by the Board were adopted. 781 shareholders attended the meeting, representing 3,883,676 shares or 75.12 % of the share capital.

The shareholders confirmed the re-election of Rolando Benedick, Markus Fiechter, Andreas Jacobs, Stefan Pfander, Andreas Schmid and Urs Widmer for another term of office of one year.

Furthermore, the shareholders approved the proposed par value reduction and repayment of CHF 11.50 per registered share, instead of a dividend payment, and the amendment of the respective provision of the articles of association. The payment of the par value reduction is expected to take place at the beginning of March, 2008, free of charges and net of income and withholding tax for shareholders with tax domicile in Switzerland.

KPMG Fides Peat, Zurich, were re-elected as auditors and Group auditors of the company for fiscal year 2007/08.

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***Barry Callebaut (www.barry-callebaut.com):***

*With annual sales of more than CHF 4 billion for fiscal year 2006/07, Zurich-based Barry Callebaut is the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality cocoa and chocolate – from the cocoa bean to the finished product on the store shelf. Barry Callebaut is present in 23 countries, operates 37 production facilities and employs approximately 8,000 people. The company serves the entire food industry, from food manufacturers to professional users of chocolate (such as chocolatiers, pastry chefs or bakers), to global retailers. It also provides a comprehensive range of services in the fields of product development, processing, training and marketing.*

*Fiscal year 2006/07 closed on August 31, 2007.*

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