Press Release

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SG is Euroclear France's partner as paying agent for non-quoted securities on Euronext Paris and underlying securities for Tracker funds

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SG is a market leader in France for issuer services and plays a major role in the processing of corporate events of foreign securities on Euronext –Paris. Chosen by Euroclear France for its expertise and know-how in issuer services, this new partnership is part of SG's European development drive which also focuses on the management of employee shareholding and stock option plans worldwide.

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