



Change in relation to the dividend proposal and postponement of the General Meeting of Shareholders

In connection with the intention of De Lage Landen International B.V. to make a public offer for the shares in Athlon Holding N.V., which was announced on 22 March inst., the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders planned for 19 April has been postponed. It is now the intention to combine this meeting with the Informative General Meeting of Shareholders, which will be held after the publication of the Offer Memorandum. Publication of the Offer Memorandum is expected in the second half of May.

The proposed offer of De Lage Landen International B.V. is € 30.25 in cash per ordinary share, including the dividend entitlement over the financial year 2005. In connection with that, other than originally announced and stated on page 47 of the Annual Report, no proposal will be made for any dividend on ordinary shares at the forthcoming combined General Meeting of Shareholders.