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### Jean Azéma, Director Société Générale Group

During the Board of Directors meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Board noted the resignation of Pierre Bilger from his position as Director of Société Générale as of August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board thanked Mr Bilger for his services to Société Générale during his term in office.

The Board co-opted Jean Azéma, Chief Executive Officer of Groupama, to replace Mr Bilger. The ratification of this co-option to the Board of Directors will be submitted to the General Shareholders' meeting of April 29, 2004.

#### **Jean Azéma**, Chief Executive Officer, Groupama

*Jean Azéma, 50, has worked for the Groupama Group throughout his career. He graduated from the Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture de Purpan and the Centre National d'Etudes Supérieures de Sécurité Sociale, and joined the Groupama eastern Pyrenees regional office in 1975, before transferring to the Allier regional office in 1979. Between 1987 and 1995, he was Groupama Vie's Chief Financial Officer, then Chief Investment Officer, Head of Consolidation and Head of Insurance at Groupama. In 1996, he was appointed CEO of Groupama Sud Ouest, then in 1998 he became CEO of Groupama Sud. Jean Azéma has been CEO of Groupama Central Mutual since June 2000.*

*Jean Azéma was elected President of the Federation of French Mutual Insurers (FFSAM) on December 10, 2001. He is a director of Véolia Environnement, Mediobanca, Bolloré investissement (permanent representative of Groupama SA on the Board of Directors), Gimar Finance & Compagnie (permanent representative of the Caisse Centrale des Assurances Mutuelles Agricoles on the Supervisory Board).*

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