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## PRESS RELEASE

### “Sentier” case : Société Générale informed of the ruling by the Paris Court of Appeal

Société Générale was informed today of the ruling by the Paris Court of Appeal with regards to the money-laundering case known in France as “Sentier”.

The Court’s ruling granted the appeal petition filed by the State Prosecutor requesting the rescission of the order of the investigating magistrate which indicted and sent before the Paris criminal court certain corporations and individuals. This appeal was mainly based on the fact that the magistrate did not wait for the Prosecutor’s views before giving her order.

The Court remanded the case to an investigating magistrate who will have to make a decision whether or not to indict corporations and individuals under formal investigation.

The investigative magistrate has three options :

- Follow the position taken by the State Prosecutor who asked that the case be dismissed;
- order once again that all or some of the persons under investigation to be sent before the criminal court;
- order new investigations.

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