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## Société Générale: Appointments to SG Global Securities Services for Investors (SG GSSI)

SG Global Securities Services for Investors (GSSI), the securities business of Société Générale's Global Investment Management and Services (GIMS), announces the appointment of five people who will report to Alain Closier, member of Société Générale's management committee and Global Head of Securities Services for Investors since the creation of this division in February 2004:

- Catherine Théry: COO, Global Securities Services for Investors,
- Patrice Blanc: CEO of the Fimat Group,
- Bruno Prigent: Head of Investors Securities Services,
- Jean-Michel Mépuis: Head of Strategy and Development, Global Securities Services for Investors,
- Alcibiade Vinot: Head of Transversal Functions, Global Securities Services for Investors.

The five new appointees and Alain Closier form GSSI's Executive Committee.

### SG GSSI (Global Securities Services for Investors)

SG GSSI employs 3,200 people in eighteen countries in Europe, the United States and Asia. It offers a full range of services including brokerage, clearing, delivery and settlement, the custody of all financial instruments and fund and portfolio administration. It also provides employee savings and international employee share ownership and stock option services for major multinational companies. SG GSSI ranks among the European leaders in stock options management, serving around 400,000 beneficiaries with 160 stock options plans under management. Société Générale currently ranks number four among securities custodians in Europe, and tenth worldwide with nearly USD 1,200 billion in assets held. SG GSSI provides custodian services to 2,300 mutual funds and its subsidiary Euro VL provides valuations for over 3,000 funds representing assets of EUR 220 billion. Fimat Group, another GSSI subsidiary, acts as broker in nearly 7% of international listed derivatives transactions.

### Société Générale Group

Société Générale is one of the largest financial services groups in the euro-zone. The Group employs 88,000 people worldwide in three key businesses:

- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves more than 15 million retail customers worldwide.
- Asset Management, Private Banking & Securities Services: Société Générale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms of assets under custody (approximately USD 1,200 billion) and under management (EUR 300 billion, March 2004).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: SG CIB ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

Société Générale is included in the four major socially responsible investment indexes.  
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**Catherine Théry**, COO, Global Securities Services for Investors and member of Société Générale's management committee.

Catherine Théry, 50. After a PhD in history, she joined Société Générale's Inspection department in 1980. At the end of 1987 she joined the Securities Management division, where she was successively Head of Strategy and Market Relations, Head of Research and Product Creation and Corporate Secretary. Catherine Théry was appointed General Manager on the creation of SG Asset Management in January 1997, and occupied this post until February 2004.

**Patrice Blanc**, CEO of Fimat Group.

Patrice Blanc, 45, graduated with a master degree from the Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur, and began his career in the brokerage industry in 1984 at Refco SA, where he created a trading floor. In 1988, he was recruited by Lehman Brothers, where he set up a futures and options trading desk. He joined Fimat SNC (Paris) in 1989 as Trading Room Director, and was appointed Assistant General Manager in 1991. Between 1994 and 1997 he was responsible for the Brazilian subsidiary, where he was appointed General Manager in 1995. He joined Fimat USA in 1997, where he was successively General Manager, Chairman and CEO. Patrice Blanc was appointed CEO of the Fimat Group in 2002.

**Bruno Prigent**, Head of Investors Securities Services, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Euro VL.

Bruno Prigent, 48, graduated with a master degree from Paris Dauphine University and joined the Société Générale Group in 1980 as project manager within the IT subsidiary SG2. He joined the Inspection department in 1984, then occupied several positions in the securities business (fund administrator, custodian, employee savings account manager, etc.) and was appointed as global manager of the Institutional Securities business line in 2000.

**Jean-Michel Mépuis**, Head of Strategy and Development, Global Securities Services for Investors

Jean-Michel Mépuis, 48, graduated from the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Nationale des Télécommunications and is a former member of the interministerial telecommunications service. He was a member of the board of directors of DKB then Associate Director of CSC Peak Marwick. He joined Société Générale in 2000, where he was in charge of the strategic client representation of DEAI and GIBD and later SG CIB.

**Alcibiade Vinot**: Head of Transversal Functions, Global Securities Services for Investors

Alcibiade Vinot, 55, holds a post-master degree in economics and joined the Inspection department of Société Générale in 1973. After holding several positions in the Human Resources Division, he was appointed director of the Securities and Market department then became a member of the Banking Services management committee. In 2000 he was appointed manager of the Resources department.