



Public Takeover Period of WaveLight AG Ends

HUENENBERG, Switzerland - October 18, 2007 - Alcon's public takeover offer period for WaveLight AG has ended. Settlement of the transaction will take place upon cartel clearance in China and Cyprus. Alcon received cartel clearance in Spain earlier this week.

Upon settlement, Alcon will have control of 77.4 percent of the approximately 6.6 million outstanding WaveLight shares. "I am very pleased with this result," commented Cary Rayment, Alcon president, chairman, and chief executive officer. "It enables us to integrate WaveLight operations with Alcon's global capabilities and create a leading force in the refractive laser market."

The number of WaveLight shares tendered to Alcon under the takeover offer was 3.1 million, or 47.5 percent of the outstanding shares. Alcon had also purchased 2.0 million WaveLight shares, or 29.9 percent, in the market or directly.

About Alcon (NYSE: ACL)

Alcon, Inc. is the world's leading eye care company, with sales of approximately \$4.9 billion in 2006. Alcon, which has been dedicated to the ophthalmic industry for 60 years, researches, develops, manufactures and markets pharmaceuticals, surgical equipment and devices, contact lens care solutions and other vision care products that treat diseases, disorders and other conditions of the eye. Alcon's majority shareholder is Nestlé, S.A., the world's largest food company.

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