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Re: Givaudan SA rule 12g3-2(b) exemption – File No. 12G3-2B-82-5087

Madam, Sir,

In accordance with rule 12g3-2(b), please find attached the following document issued by Givaudan SA:

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Givaudan SA discloses shareholding in own shares (potentially 18.88% of voting rights)	17 May 2004	H

We are of course at your disposal should you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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GIVAUDAN SA

Shareholding disclosure

In accordance with the Swiss Stock Exchange Act, Givaudan SA, 5 ch. de la Parfumerie, 1214 Vernier, Switzerland, discloses that on May 13, 2004, it held 402'609 own registered shares (carrying 5.03% of voting rights), 564'070 put options on own stock (short position, carrying potentially 7.05% of voting rights) and 544'070 call options on own stock (long position carrying potentially 6.80% of voting rights). Total holding carries potentially 18.88% of voting rights.

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