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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 20.04% of voting rights)	27 September 2004	H

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Yours sincerely,

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Shareholding disclosure

In accordance with the Swiss Stock Exchange Act, Givaudan SA, 5 ch. de la Parfumerie, 1214 Vernier, Switzerland, discloses that on September 21, 2004, it held 421'154 own registered shares (carrying 5.4% of voting rights), 595'771 put options on own stock (short position, carrying potentially 7.64% of voting rights) and 545'970 call options on own stock (long position carrying potentially 7.00% of voting rights). Total holding carries potentially 20.04% of voting rights.