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Zurich Financial Services: Disclosure of own shares bought back in 2008 according to Swiss Takeover Board regulations

Zurich, January 5, 2009 - Zurich Financial Services, Mythenquai 2, 8002 Zurich, announces that as of December 31, 2008 it has bought back 3,750,500 of its registered shares (2.64% of shares outstanding) amounting to CHF 1.1 billion within its buyback program over a second trading line started on February 20, 2008. The announcement is made in connection with section 1.4 of the Swiss Takeover Board Release no. 1.

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