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**Closure of share capital increase
Saint-Gobain raises €1.5bn**

- **Private placement share price: €20.79 per new share**
- **Unexercised Warrants (*Bons de Souscription d'Actions* or BSAs) repurchase price: €1.94 per BSA**

On March 17th, 2009, Saint-Gobain announced the launch of a private placement of 4,687,832 new shares (issued upon the exercise of repurchased BSAs) in connection with its share capital increase.

The private placement, carried out by the Joint Bookrunners and Joint Lead Managers, was closed early today. The private placement share price was set at €20.79 per new share, flat to the closing price of March 17th, 2009.

As a result, the price for the unexercised BSAs repurchased by Saint-Gobain acting as an agent (*commissionnaire*) on behalf of the underwriters, is set at €1.94 per BSA. The repurchase price will be paid at the latest by March 24th, 2009 to the relevant financial intermediaries for the account of the holders of such BSAs.

The share capital increase will enable Saint-Gobain to raise a gross amount €1,512,240,968 by issuing a total of 108,017,212 new shares¹. The settlement and listing of the new shares will take place on March 23rd, 2009.

The success of the rights issue attests to shareholders' confidence in Saint-Gobain's strong fundamentals and growth potential. The proceeds will be used to pay down debt and thus strengthen the balance sheet of the Group.

¹ The amount raised takes into account the cancellation of 4,511,742 BSAs corresponding to the treasury shares held by the Company on February 20th, 2009.

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