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## Capital reduction by cancellation of shares

In the context of the 2011 and 2012 share buyback programs, Bureau Veritas (the "Company") purchased 476,644 of its own shares (outside the scope of the liquidity agreement).

Pursuant to the authorization conferred by the 23rd resolution of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of May 27, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors, at its meeting of August 27, 2012, decided to cancel 332,294 of the shares bought back, representing 0.3% of the share capital and gave all powers to the Chief Executive Officer at this end.

Accordingly, after the legal formalities of cancellation performed, the Company's share capital will amount to EUR 13,223,279.04 divided into 110,193,992 shares.

After taking into account the cancellation of shares, the number of outstanding shares (including stock options exercised) is 110,708,232.

