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SHARE BUY-BACK PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED IN MARCH 2009

Brussels, March 17, 2009 – RHJ International (Euronext: RHJI) announces the launch of a share buy-back program for an amount of up to 1,710,910 shares (representing 2% of total outstanding shares) and up to EUR 5,650,000. The program is expected to commence in March 2009. The program relies on and will take place in accordance with the authority granted to RHJ International by its Shareholders' Meeting of September 16, 2008. The program will be executed through trades on Euronext Brussels. It will run until February 2010 and may be renewed thereafter subject to obtaining renewed authority from the Shareholders' Meeting. The program is implemented in accordance with the EU Regulation 2273/2003 of December 22, 2003 (as regards certain exemptions for share buy-back programs). RHJ International has appointed a financial institution which will manage the program under a discretionary management agreement. Shares acquired on any single trading day will not exceed 25% of the average daily trading volume for the shares on Euronext Brussels during the 20 stock exchange days preceding the date of each purchase. The shares acquired under the program will be allocated, in the future, to employees of RHJ International or of affiliated or associated companies under RHJ International's incentive compensation plan. Trades made under the program will be reported on a weekly basis through the website of RHJ International. RHJ International currently has 905,154 treasury shares.

About RHJ International:

RHJ International (Euronext: RHJI) is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Belgium, having its registered office at Avenue Louise 326, 1050 Brussels, Belgium. It is a diversified holding company focused on creating long-term value for its shareholders by acquiring interests in businesses in attractive industries.

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