

Yara AGM approves dividend and buy-back program

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Oslo (2010-05-12): Yara International ASA's Annual General Meeting approved yesterday a dividend of NOK 4.50 per share and renewed the authorization of the Board of Directors to acquire own shares.

The dividend of NOK 4.50 per share will be paid out on 26 May 2010 to shareholders as of 11 May 2010. The Yara share will be traded exclusive of dividend from 12 May. American Depository Receipts (ADRs) will also be traded exclusive of dividend from 12 May, and the payment date for ADRs is 3 June.

The Annual General Meeting resolved to renew the authorization of the Board of Directors to acquire the company's own shares. The Board is thereby given authorization to acquire up to 5 percent of Yara's shares within the next 12 months. Yara has renewed the agreement with the Norwegian State according to which the State's shares will be redeemed on a pro-rata basis to ensure that the State's ownership is unchanged in the event repurchased shares are cancelled.

Øivind Lund was re-elected as Chairman of the Board, and Bernt Reitan, Elisabeth Harstad and Leiv L. Nergaard were re-elected as Board members. Hilde Merete Aasheim was elected as new Board member.

The complete protocol from the Annual General Meeting will be available during the course of the day on Yara's website:
http://www.yara.com/investor_relations/reports_presentations/index.aspx?tab=2010&cat=090_AGM&nbi=5&pag=1

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