



July 6<sup>th</sup> 2005

## **Two new appointments to Groupe DANONE Executive Committee**

To ensure that all Group functions are represented on the Executive Committee, two new members have been added with effect from July 1, 2005. These new members are Philippe-Loïc JACOB, Secretary General of Groupe DANONE, and Sven THORMAHLEN, Vice-President R&D.

- A dual citizen of France and Canada, **Philippe-Loïc Jacob** began his career with DANONE in 1986 as head of Beverage Exports in Scandinavia. He then served as head of business development, General Manager of Aguas DANONE Argentina, and head of Strategy and Acquisitions for the Water Worldwide business unit. In 2002 he was named Director, Office of the Chairman and has been Secretary General since July 1, 2004.
- **Sven Thormahlen** is a German national who joined DANONE in 2002 after serving in various product development functions with Beiersdorf in Germany and L'Oréal, the latter in both the United States and in France.

The Executive Committee of Groupe DANONE thus consists of Franck Riboud, Chairman and CEO; Jacques Vincent, Vice-Chairman and COO; Georges Casala, Executive Vice-President, Biscuits and Cereal Products; Emmanuel Faber, Executive Vice-President, Asia-Pacific; Antoine Giscard d'Estaing, Executive Vice-President for Finance, Strategy and Information Systems; Bernard Hours, Executive Vice-President, Fresh Dairy Products; Simon Israel, Chairman, Asia-Pacific; Thomas Kunz, Executive Vice-President, Beverages; and Franck Mougin, Executive Vice-President, Human Resources.