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## Opening of the simplified alternative Public Exchange Offer for the redeemable share warrants ("BSAR warrants") issued by the Company in November 2007

In accordance with its conformity decision on June 10, 2010, the Autorité des Marchés Financiers has approved the securities note prepared by Mersen concerning the alternative Public Exchange Offer for the redeemable share warrants issued by Mersen on November 22, 2007 (hereinafter the "2007 BSAR warrants") held by certain of its managers. The 2007 warrants may be exchanged for redeemable share warrants to be issued (the "2010 BSAR warrants").

Holders will be able to tender their 2007 BSAR warrants to one or both of the following options:

- Exchange offer: five (5) 2007 BSAR warrants for two (2) 2010 BSAR warrants;
- Mixed offer: one (1) 2007 BSAR warrant plus a cash balance of €1.50 for one (1) 2010 BSAR warrant.

Holders may combine the two above options and tender some of their 2007 BSAR warrants to the exchange offer and some to the mixed offer.

Depending on the number of share warrants tendered and the option selected (mixed or exchange offer), the 2010 BSAR warrants will give rise to the issuance of no more than 114,000 shares representing 0.58% of the share capital.

The report prepared by Associés en Finance, the independent firm appointed in accordance with Article 261-1 of the General Regulation of the AMF, is shown in full in the securities note prepared by Mersen and approved by the AMF.

The offer will be open from June 15, 2010 until July 5, 2010 inclusive. The AMF will publish a notice announcing the opening of and timetable for the offer, and NYSE Euronext Paris SA will publish a notice announcing the terms and conditions and the timetable for the transaction.

The securities note approved by the AMF and the document containing legal, financial and accounting information about Mersen are available to the public free of charge on the websites of the Company (<u>www.mersen.com</u>) and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (<u>www.amf-france.org</u>), as well as upon request from:

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