

**CPH Chemie + Papier Holding AG**

## **CPH to invest CHF 500 million in Perlen paper mill**

### **Production capacity to be almost tripled**

**Perlen, 11 December 2008 – At its meeting today the Board of Directors of CPH Chemie + Papier Holding AG decided to replace the current newsprint machine with a new facility that is vastly more functional and correspondingly more cost-effective. The sum involved is in the region of CHF 500 million. The new machine is due to be put into service in autumn 2010.**

The PM7 paper machine has an output capacity of 360,000 tonnes of high-quality newsprint, almost three times that of the current model (125,000 tonnes). A final decision to order depends on three considerations: the outcome of final negotiations with the suppliers, the signing of the loan agreements by the deadline and the granting of planning permission by the local authority. CPH's long-term investment strategy allows a substantial portion of the machine's cost to be generated from its own funds.

The investment significantly strengthens the position of Perlen Papier AG in the market at an economically challenging time. The CPH Group is also signalling clear support for both Perlen and Switzerland as business and industrial locations. "The Board is confident that this is the right time to be making anticyclical investments of this magnitude," says Franz-Josef Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of CPH Holding AG.

For details please contact:

Dr. Franz-Josef Albrecht, Chairman of the Board: 079 431 54 18 (mobile)  
Hans Schaller, CEO: 041 455 87 51 (office), 079 642 29 66 (mobile)