



Axalto to join the SBF 120 index

With effect from the 1 September 2005 trading session

Amsterdam, 5 July 2005 – Euronext has announced that the Index Scientific Committee, which met on Monday 4 July 2005, decided that Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 – AXL) will join the SBF 120 index from 1 September 2005 onwards.

Commenting on this decision, Olivier Piou, Axalto's Chief Executive Officer, said: *"We are very proud of the decision made by the Scientific Committee responsible for Euronext's indices, which rewards Axalto for its share price performance since its May 2004 IPO. Its inclusion in the SBF 120 index will help to raise our profile among investors and enhance the liquidity of our shares to the benefit of our shareholders"*.

About Axalto

Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 AXL) is the world's leading provider of microprocessor cards (Gartner 2005, Fost & Sullivan 2004) — the key to digital networks — and a major supplier of point-of-sale terminals. Its 4500 employees come from over 60 nationalities and serve customers in more than 100 countries, with worldwide sales exceeding 3 billion smart cards to date. The company has 25 years' experience in smart card innovation and leads its industry in security technology and open systems.

Axalto continuously creates new generations of products for use in a variety of applications in the telecommunications, finance, retail, transport, entertainment, healthcare, personal identification, information technology and public sector markets. Microprocessor cards provide convenience, security and privacy to public and private services operators, their customers and end users.

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