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## Press Release

Arjowiggins Healthcare announces today that due to the exceptionally serious natural events that took place recently (earthquake in Chile notably) and that dramatically affected pulp markets, it has decided to ask for an Exceptional Pulp Surcharge of 7,5% on all its invoices, starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

Arjowiggins Healthcare thinks that this surcharge will be temporary, as pulp prices should be back to their normal trend once the effects of the current overreaction on the pulp marketplace will be over.

Thibaut Hyvernats, Managing Director of Arjowiggins Healthcare commented: *“The situation we are facing on the pulp marketplace has become unsustainable for us, as our costs have skyrocketed by more than 35% over the last 7 months, and are forecasted to increase sharply again in the coming weeks and months. This new forecast is clearly due to the earthquake in Chile that came on top of an already tight pulp market. A lot of pulp mills have been affected and this was of course unpredictable. We hope that it will be a temporary situation and that we will be able to remove or reduce this exceptional surcharge in the near future. We had no other choice than to react and pass part of the burden to the market.*

Arjowiggins Healthcare, part of the Arjowiggins Group, is one of the world leaders in medical and hospital packaging grades. The division is headquartered in Issy-les-Moulineaux, France, and operates through three companies : Arjowiggins Palalda SAS (France), Arjowiggins Sro (Czech Republic), and Arjowiggins Medical Inc. (USA)

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