



ANNOUNCEMENT - STOCK OPTION PLANS

S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. (“**S&B**” or the “**Company**”), hereby informs that in relation to the annual implementation of stock option plans for executives of the Company and of the Company’s subsidiaries abroad, as these have been approved by the Annual Ordinary General Meetings of Shareholders held on 22/06/2005, 01/06/2006, 31/05/2007, 14/05/2008 and 16/06/2009 and further to the Company’s announcement from 24/11/2009, none of the beneficiaries has exercised any vested options of the above stock option plans within the exercise period.

The Company's share capital remains unchanged and amounts to euro 41,425,760.00, divided by 41,425,760 common registered voting shares of nominal value euro 1.00 each.

Investor Relations Department
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S&B Industrial Minerals S.A. is a multinational Group of companies, its purpose being to provide innovative industrial solutions by developing and transforming natural resources into value creating products. Utilizing the multiple properties of industrial minerals, S&B offers a portfolio of customized solutions for a broad range of applications (including foundry, steel-making, construction & building materials, metallurgy and horticulture), operating responsibly and adhering to the sustainable development principles of the triangle: economy - society - environment. It holds leading positions in its main sectors (bentonite, perlite, bauxite and casting fluxes). S&B was established in Greece in 1934, is listed on the Athens Stock Exchange (ticker:ARBA), is active in 21 countries across 5 continents, in 2008 it had a Group turnover of over Euro 450 million, and employs approximately 2,050 people worldwide. For more information, please visit S&B's website at www.sandb.com