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## New Chief Executives at Euroclear Finland

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Helsinki, 21 March 2011 – The Board of Euroclear Finland Ltd has appointed Anso Thiré as Chief Executive Officer and Hanna Vainio as Deputy Chief Executive of the Finnish central securities depository (CSD), Euroclear Finland. The appointments are effective immediately. The necessary approvals have been obtained from The Financial Supervisory Authority (FIN-FSA) of Finland.

Anso Thiré will also serve as Chairman of the Executive Management Group of Euroclear Finland, while continuing in his role as Chief Executive Officer of Euroclear Sweden, a position he assumed in November 2008 upon Euroclear's acquisition of the Finnish and Swedish CSDs. He was also responsible for the integration of Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden into the Euroclear group. Mr. Thiré replaces Seppo Rantanen, who stepped down from the role as Chief Executive Officer of Euroclear Finland in January 2011. Previously, Mr. Thiré was Managing Director and head of the Global Capital Markets division at Euroclear in Brussels. He joined the company in 1985 and has held senior positions in finance, commercial, strategy and public affairs over the years.

Hanna Vainio, currently head of Product Management for Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden, is a member of the Executive Management Group of the two CSDs. Ms. Vainio replaces Jouni Leinonen as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Euroclear Finland, who will retain a key role at Euroclear Finland in leading discussions with regulators on critical legal and public affairs issues. Before joining Euroclear Finland in 2006, Ms. Vainio was Vice President at Nordea Bank Finland and Head of Corporate Actions for several years. Ms. Vainio has been an active member of various industry working groups specialising in corporate actions, including as Chairwoman of the Finnish Corporate Actions Market Practice Group.

Frédéric Hannequart, Chairman of Euroclear Finland, said: "Our new senior management team at Euroclear Finland have the vision and commitment to provide a post-trade infrastructure in Finland that will best serve our institutional and retail client needs. Changes and potential changes in the Finnish capital market require a strong management team that can deliver real and beneficial advantages for our Finnish clients, both domestically and internationally, now and in the future."

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## **Note to Editors**

**Euroclear Finland** (formerly Suomen Arvopaperikeskus Oy) plays a central role in the Finnish capital market. As the central securities depository of Finland, it is the organisation that holds the register for almost all shares and debt securities traded in the Finnish financial markets. As well as keeping the register, it settles transactions in Finnish shares and debt securities, and provides comprehensive custody and issuer services. It was acquired by Euroclear SA/NV in October 2008.

Euroclear Finland settled 5.1 million transactions in 2010, valued at EUR 479 billion, and held a record EUR 262 billion in assets for clients.

Euroclear is the world's largest provider of domestic and cross-border settlement and related services for bond, equity, derivatives and fund transactions. Market owned and market governed, the Euroclear group includes Euroclear Bank, based in Brussels, as well as Euroclear Belgium, Euroclear Finland, Euroclear France, Euroclear Nederland, Euroclear Sweden and Euroclear UK & Ireland. Euroclear also owns Xtrakter, operator of the TRAX trade matching and reporting system. The Euroclear group settled the equivalent of EUR 526 trillion in securities transactions in 2010, representing 150 million domestic and cross-border transactions, and held nearly EUR 22 trillion in assets for clients.