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Ciba Specialty Chemicals concludes its share buy-back program

As announced at its half year results on August 12, Ciba Specialty Chemicals ended the share buy-back program that it had started on August 27, 2003, and that was limited to maximum a year's duration, on August 26, 2004. In total, 3,065,500 registered shares were repurchased under the program.

Ciba Specialty Chemicals (SWX: CIBN, NYSE: CSB) is a leading global company dedicated to producing high-value effects for its customers' products. We strive to be the partner of choice for our customers, offering them innovative products and one-stop expert service. We create effects that improve the quality of life – adding performance, protection, color and strength to textiles, plastics, paper, automobiles, buildings, home and personal care products and much more. Ciba Specialty Chemicals is active in more than 120 countries around the world and is committed to be a leader in its chosen markets. In 2003, the Company generated sales of 6.6 billion Swiss francs and invested 281 million Swiss francs in R&D.

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