

## 2008 Annual earnings

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Our business: animals. Our advantage: people



# **Summary**

- Operating highlights
- Consolidated financial statements
- Strategy and outlook



# **Operating highlights**

- Key figures
- Revenues
- External growth
- A strategy of product innovation

## **Key figures**

Revenues 234.4 M€

+0.4%

Net income (group share) 18.6 M€

**Stable** 

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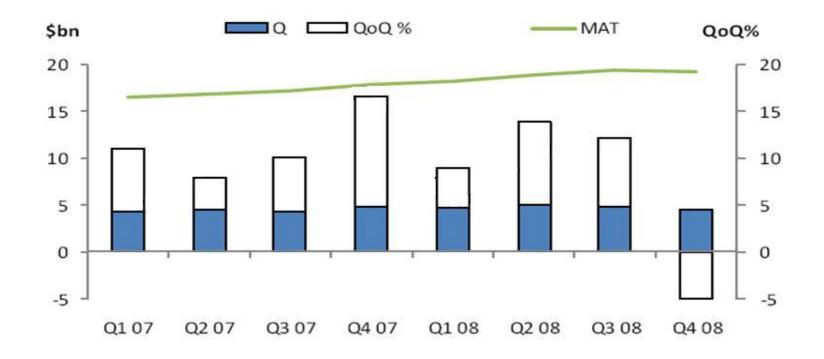
11.8%

**Gearing** 

8%



#### Market growth slowed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half



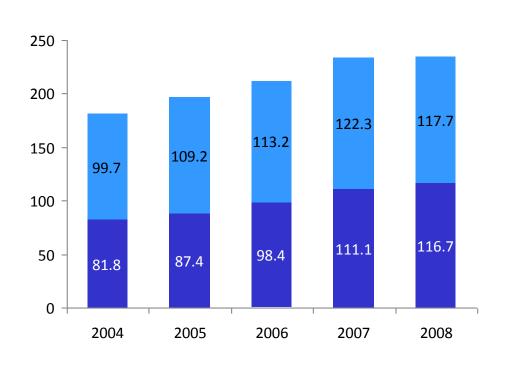
Source: Vetnosis 2009





# Vétoquinol recorded a slowdown after 3 years of strong growth

in M€



- Strong growth in the 1<sup>st</sup> half
- Retreat in the 4<sup>rth</sup> quarter, in line with the market

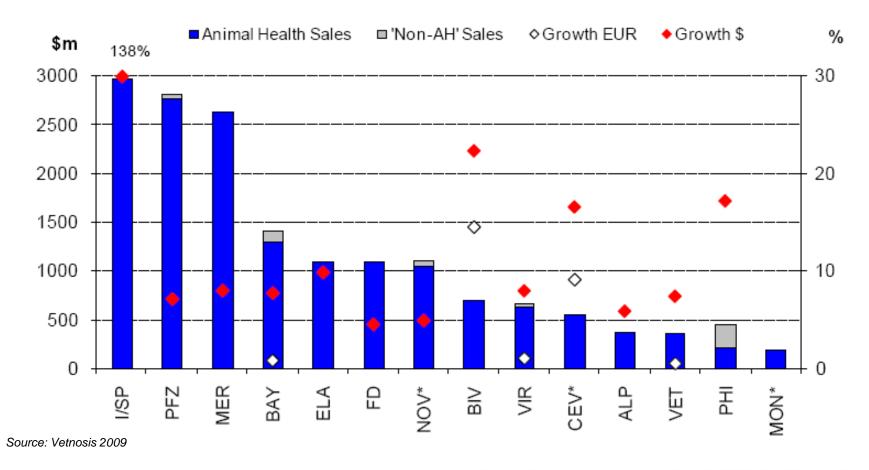


1st half

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2<sup>nd</sup> half

## 2008 Revenues consistent with market performances

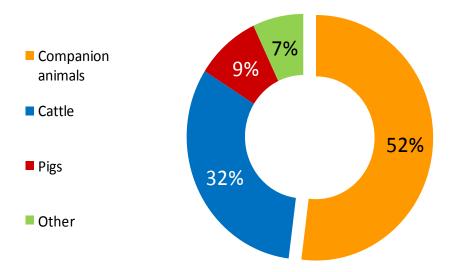




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#### A balanced portfolio in terms of major species

#### 2008 revenues: 234.4 M€



|                   | 2008/2007 |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Companion animals | +2%       |
| Cattle            | +9%       |
| Pigs              | -37%      |
| Other             | +28%      |

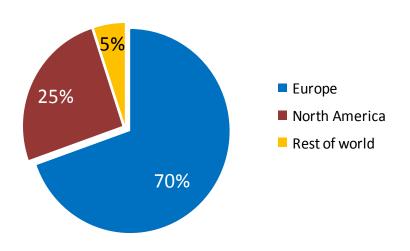
 Weakening of the swine market in Europe and Canada





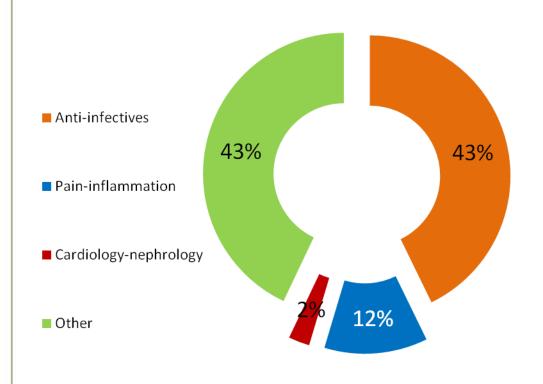
#### Stable geographic breakdown

#### 2008 revenues: 234.4 M€



- Difficult market in Spain and Poland
- Strong performance in the United States and the United Kingdom
- Stable market shares

# Strong performance in the three strategic therapeutic domains



- Gradual balancing of the portfolio
- Trends by domain
  - Anti-infectives: +4%
  - o Pain-inflammation: +14%
  - Cardiology-nephrology: +15%
  - Other: -6%

#### An active year of acquisitions

#### Scandinavia

Acquisition of Viavet (2008 revenues: 1.4 M€)



#### Canada

 Acquisition of the animal product line of Vetcom 1979 Inc (2008 revenues: 1.5 M\$ CAD)



#### Italy

 Acquisition of the independent laboratory Ascor Chimici in December 2008 (2008 revenues: 20.1 M€)





#### **Ascor Chimici (Italy)**

- Italy: 5<sup>th</sup> largest European market
- Acquisition of Ascor Chimici on December 1, 2008
  - The 10<sup>th</sup> largest actor on the Italian market (revenues of 20.1 M€ in 2008)
  - A specialist in large animals (anti-infectives agents for cattle)
  - A strong team, with 11 representatives and 38 agents
- Rationale for the investment
  - Potential improvement in profitability and sales
  - Solid base for marketing Vétoquinol's product lines, particularly for companion animals
  - Export synergies (products, countries, distributors)

#### **Active product innovations**

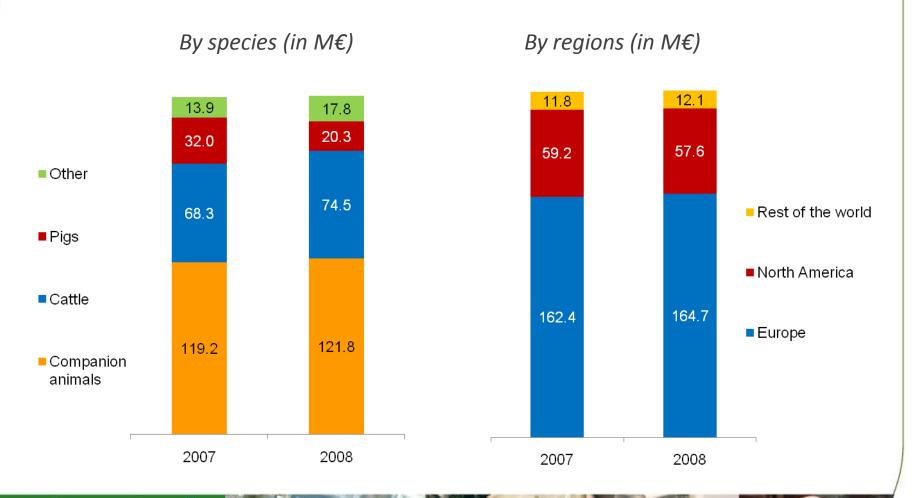
42 product launches (new products or product extensions) in 2008, including :

- Vetprofen® (pain-inflammation): North American launch
- Rubenal® (cardiology-nephrology): European launch
- Marbocyl S<sup>®</sup> (anti-infectives): European extension
- Dolpac® (other): European extension
- Alfaxan® (pain-inflammation): European extension
- Clavaseptin® (anti-infectives): North American extension



#### 2008 Consolidated financial statements

#### 2008 revenues: 234.4 M€





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#### **2008 Income statement**

| in M€                                   | 31/12/2008 | % of revenues | 31/12/2007* | % of revenues | Δ %    |
|---|------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------|
| Revenues                                | 234.4      |               | 233.4       |               | +0.4%  |
| Gross profit                            | 158.9      | 67.8%         | 156.0       | 66.8%         | +1.9%  |
| External purchases and expenses         | (51.9)     | 22.1%         | (52.5)      | 22.5%         | -1.1%  |
| Personnel costs                         | (68.3)     | 29.2%         | (62.1)      | 26.6%         | +10.0% |
| Taxes and duties (without income taxes) | (3.9)      | 1.7%          | (4.3)       | 1.8%          | -9.3%  |
| Other operating income and expenses     | 3.8        | 1.6%          | 2.3         | 1.0%          | +65.2% |
| D&A and provisions                      | (10.9)     | 4.6%          | (8.7)       | 3.7%          | +25.3% |
| Cash earnings from operations           | 27.6       | 11.8%         | 30.7        | 13.2%         | -10.1% |

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# 2008 Income statement (continued)

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| Operating profit                          | 27.6       | 11.8%            | 29.6      | 12.7%         | -6.8%  |
| Pre-tax profit                            | 24.5       | 10.4%            | 25.1      | 10.8%         | -2.4%  |
| Net income (group share)                  | 18.6       | 7.9%             | 18.6      | 8.0%          | -      |
|   |            |                  |           |               |        |
| Net cash flows provided from operations** | 32.6       |                  | 33.0      |               | -12.0% |

<sup>\*\*</sup> OPCO – corporate income tax + D&A and provisions



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## **Analysis of cash earnings variation**

| in M€                                      | 31/12/2008 |
|--|------------|
| Impact of the fall in the £                | -1.5       |
| Non-recurring items (change in management) | -1.2       |
| Operating profit*                          | -0.4       |
| Change in cash earnings from operations    | -3.1       |
|  |            |
| Operating profit*                          |            |
| Change in gross margin                     | +4.2       |
| Change in sales and marketing expenses     | -4.6       |
| Change in R&D expenditures                 | -1.4       |
| Change in the Research Tax Credit          | +1.4       |
|  | -0.4       |

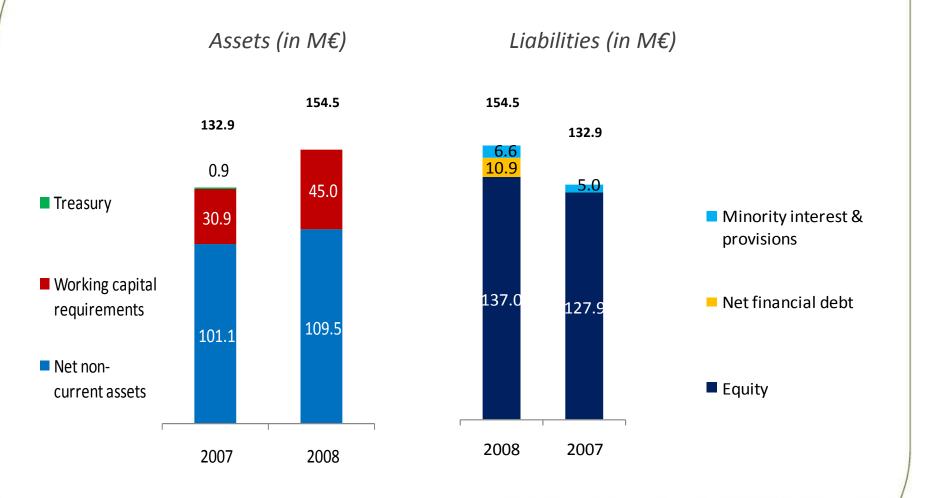




#### **Cash flow statement**

| in M€                                   | 31/12/2008 | 31/12/2007 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Cash flow used by operating activities  | 21.9       | 37.2       |
| Cash flow used by investment activities | (26.3)     | (8.7)      |
| Cash flow used by financing activities  | (9.6)      | (6.5)      |
| Impact of changes in exchange rates     | (1.1)      | (0.9)      |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents     | (15.1)     | 21.1       |

#### **Strong financial structure**





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## Analysis of working capital requirements

| in M€                        | 31/12/2008<br>Constant business<br>scope | 31/12/2007 |
|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Inventories                  | 39.9                                     | 39.3       |
| Recevables                   | 46.7                                     | 48.7       |
| Payables                     | (49.3)                                   | (57.1)     |
| Working capital requirements | 37.3                                     | 30.9       |

- Slight increase in inventories
- Decrease in trade receivables
- Decrease in trade payables

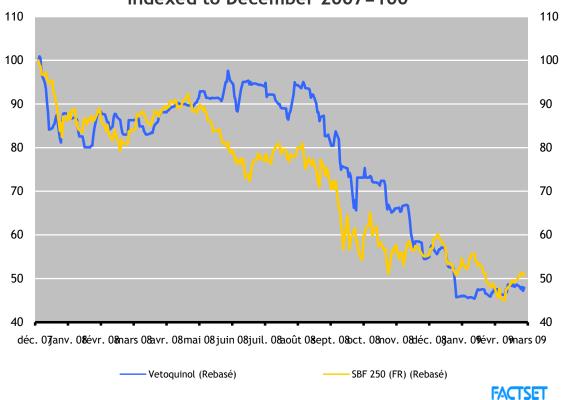


#### Strong financial structure (continued)

- Gearing ratio less than 8%
- No constraints from loan covenants, operating far below triggers
- Optimisation of trade receivables

## Stock price trend





 Very attractive valuation compared to the sector

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#### **Dividend**

The Board of Directors will recommend to the shareholders Annual Meeting on May 12, 2009:

- > A dividend of **0.27** € per share
- > Representing a pay-out of 16.4%



# Strategy and outlook

- Short term measures
- Market developments
- Vétoquinol's strategy
- Outlook

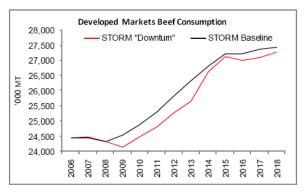
#### Adjustment to the 2008-2009 economic outlook

- Freeze in the creation of new positions
- Cost-reduction programme in all segments except R&D and marketing, where spending levels will be maintained
- Strict control of investments
- Adaptation of production
  - Re-integration of subcontracted production (re-integration of margin) and production for third parties
  - Reduction in the use of temporary workers

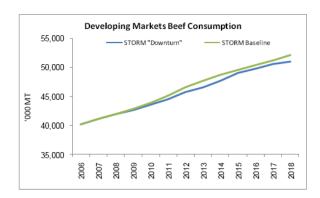


#### Market fundamentals remain strong

 Food-producing animals: increase in global demand for animal protein (for example, beef)



Source: Vetnosis 2009



- Companion animals
  - Growing population of companion animals in developing markets
  - Rising level of care in mature markets
    - Spin-offs from innovation in human health care

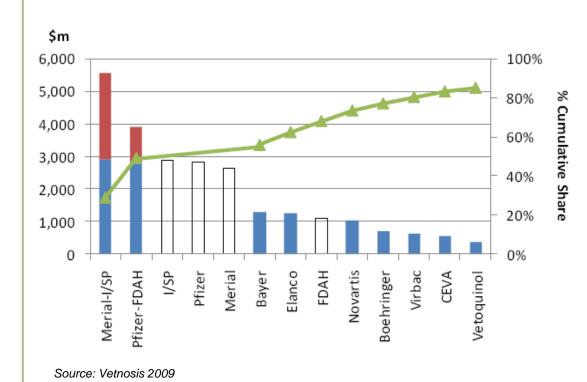
### The crisis will have a limited impact in 2009

#### **Animal Health Market by Species**

| Species                | 2009_  | YoY %   |      | Share |
|------------------------|--------|---------|------|-------|
| <u> </u>               | \$m    | Nominal | Real | %     |
| Cattle                 | 5,055  | -1.6    | 0.7  | 26.8  |
| Sheep                  | 870    | -5.4    | 0.5  | 4.6   |
| Pigs                   | 3,090  | -1.4    | 1.6  | 16.4  |
| Poultry                | 2,060  | -0.2    | 1.7  | 10.9  |
| Companion Animal/Other | 7,770  | -2.1    | 2.0  | 41.2  |
| Total                  | 18,845 | -1.8    | 1.5  | 100.0 |

Source: Vetnosis 2009

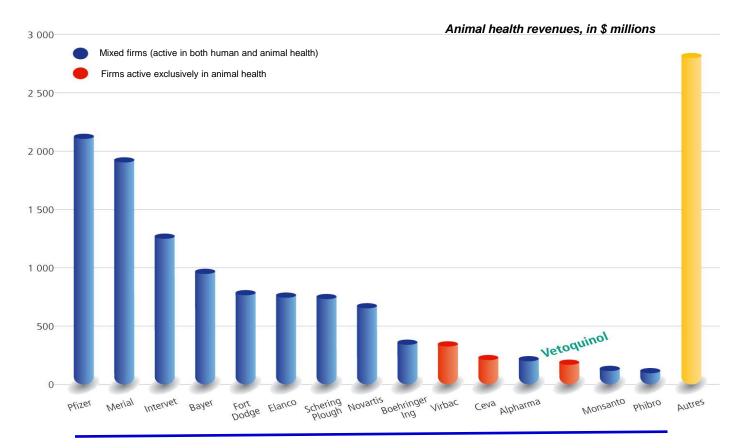
# Market consolidation will create opportunities in 2009



- Vétoquinol to rank 9<sup>th</sup> in its industry worldwide
- Increased competition in the "major" sectors
- Mergers currently in process create opportunities for asset sales
- 20% of the market consists of small firms

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## The industry structure in 2006



15 firms represent 80% of the global market

Source: Vetnosis - mars 2006



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# Market conditions do not alter Vétoquinol's strategy

#### A strategy that remains focused

- 3 animal species: cattle, pigs, and companion animals
- 3 therapeutic domains: anti-infectives, pain-inflammation and cardiologynephrology
- 3 geographical regions: Europe, North America, and Asia

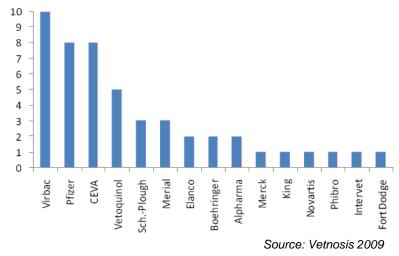
#### Four pillars

- Leadership in innovation
- Pursuit of external growth
- While maintaining internal growth in Europe
- And always, continuous improvement



#### Pursuit of external growth

- A culture of external growth
- One of the most active players in the market
  - Semyung Vet (2006) Asia
  - VetSolutions (2006) USA
  - Viavet (2008) Europe
  - Vetcom (2008) North America
  - Ascor (2008) Europe



Contribution to 2009 revenues estimated at more than 15%



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#### **Ambitious goals**

#### 14 candidates currently being studied or actively monitored

- Asia: several targets
- USA: increase market share in the companion animal segment
- Latin America: identify opportunities?

#### Acquisition criteria

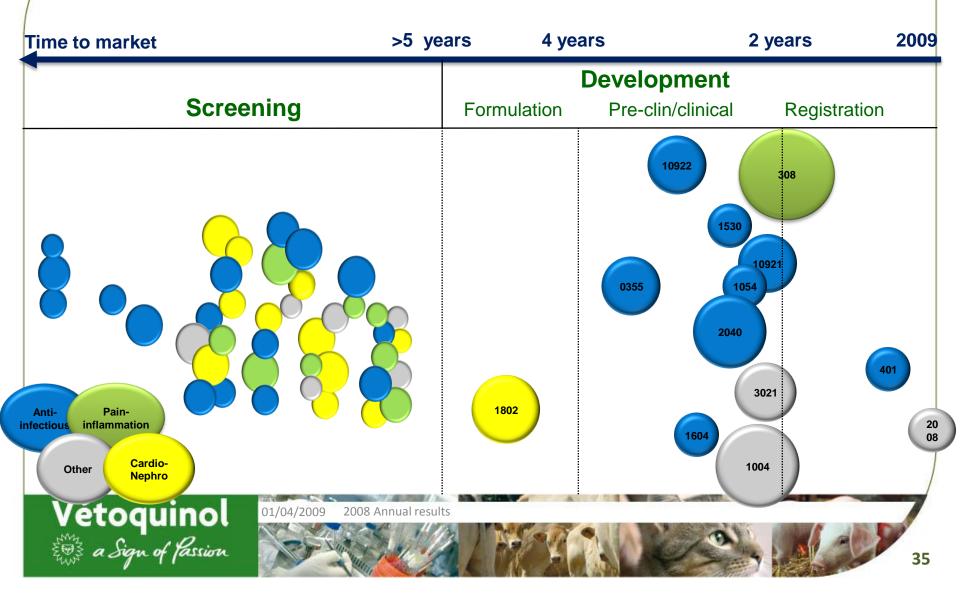
- Multiples of 1 to 2 times revenues and 11 to 14 times EBIT minus debt
- Strong team in place
- Strong market position and attractive product line
- Profitable activity



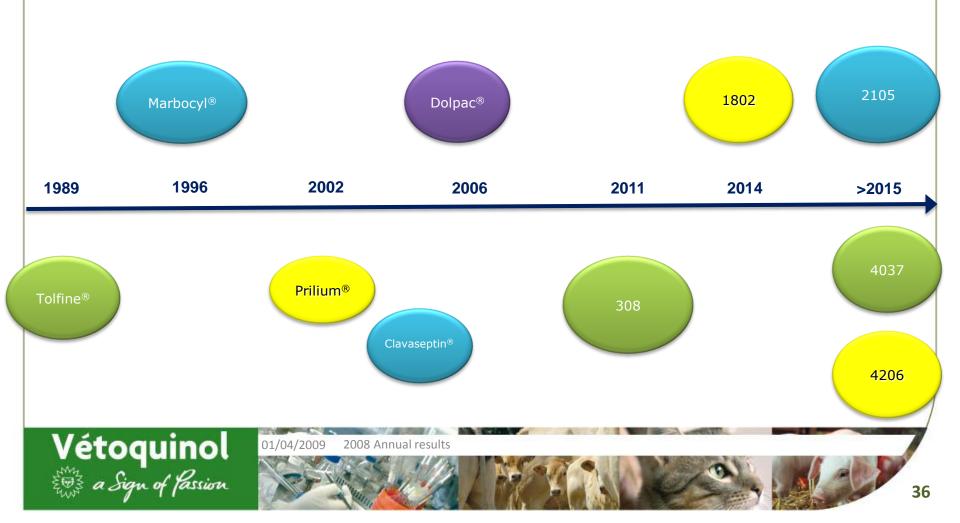
#### **Innovation**

- Objective
  - Satisfy unmet needs in our strategic domains
- Main lines of research
  - Facilitate the treatment of illnesses
  - Improve ease of use
- Expanded resources
  - Increased R&D expenditures
  - Dedicated organisation
- Building a balanced portfolio
  - Risk/maturity/domains/species

### A rich portfolio of innovations



# Vétoquinol is determined to launch promising products emerging from R&D at regular intervals



#### **Outlook**

- Mixed outlook for 2009
- Effective cost controls will permit Vétoquinol to come close to meeting its medium-term earnings goals
- Ambitious goals for
  - External growth
  - Product innovation
- Solid financial structure



#### **Upcoming events and releases**

April 9, 2009 - 2009 1st quarter revenues

May 12, 2009 - Annual shareholders meeting

June 5, 2009 - Dividend payment

**July 16, 2009** - 2009 half-year revenues

September 1, 2009 - 2009 half-year earnings

October 14, 2009 - 2009 3rd quarter revenues



## **Questions**