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Francis Van Eeckhout concludes his role on the Board of Directors of Pollet Group, Frank Vlayen joins as independent director

Waregem, 19 June 2026 – After 10 years on the Board of Directors of Pollet Group, Francis Van Eeckhout concludes his role as external director. The Group would like to sincerely thank Francis for his valuable contribution, entrepreneurial mindset and pragmatic approach, which have helped shape the development of Pollet Group over the past decade. At the same time, Frank Vlayen joins the Board of Directors as a new independent director.

Francis Van Eeckhout served on the Board of Directors of Pollet Group for a decade. During that period, the Group achieved important milestones in its professionalisation, international expansion and strategic development. His broad experience, including his knowledge of the Turkish market, proved particularly valuable for the Group's international activities and growth.

Francis Van Eeckhout: "I look back with great satisfaction on the past ten years on the Board of Directors of Pollet Group. It has been a period during which Pollet Group achieved strong growth and an impressive track record. Although my board mandate comes to an end, I will continue to follow Pollet Group with great interest from the sidelines. The group has strong foundations, a clear vision and many opportunities to realise its future growth ambitions."

Sofie Pollet: "Francis has made an important contribution to our Board of Directors. His pragmatic perspective, entrepreneurial instinct and straightforward approach have been extremely valuable to us. We are grateful for his commitment, advice and the role he has played in helping the Group achieve the progress it has made over the past decade."

At the same time, Pollet Group welcomes Frank Vlayen as a new independent director. Frank brings extensive experience in management, international strategic growth, finance and M&A. He is a member of the Supervisory Board of Waterland and serves as director and advisor to several family-owned businesses, including Sioen, Matexi and Leo Stevens.Frank started the activities of Waterland in Belgium in 2005 and served as Group Managing Partner from 2015 to 2023, overseeing the day-to-day management of the organisation. Previously, he held positions at Accenture, Citigroup, Tractebel and Generale Bank.

"With Frank, we welcome an entrepreneur with unique experience in scaling and professionalising companies internationally. His expertise and external perspective are highly relevant to the opportunities and challenges ahead of us," said Sofie Pollet.

Frank Vlayen: "Over the past years, Pollet Group has developed into a strong international group with a clear focus, an entrepreneurial culture and an impressive track record. I look forward to joining the Board of Directors and contributing to the next chapter of this remarkable family business."

Alongside Frank Vlayen, Rudy Provoost continues to serve as an independent director on the Board of Directors. Rudy is Chairman of VOKA, Vice-Chairman of Vlerick Business School and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jensen-Group. Together, Rudy and Frank are the two independent directors of Pollet Group.

About Pollet Group

Pollet Group is an international family-owned group headquartered in Waregem, Belgium. The Group was founded by Jacques Pollet, who today serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and is led by Sofie Pollet, CEO of Pollet Group.

With more than 50 companies across 17 countries and over 2,800 employees, Pollet Group has been building expertise for more than 30 years in three specialised activities: water treatment (Pollet Water Group), the swimming pool industry (Pollet Pool Group) and medical solutions (Pollet Medical Group). Through a strong combination of entrepreneurship, innovation and local presence, the Group's companies support customers, partners and healthcare professionals every day across Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Under the motto "Water, Pool, Medical XPRTS", Pollet Group combines specialised know-how, local market expertise and technical excellence to develop sustainable solutions that contribute to more efficient water use, high-quality pool technologies and a better quality of life for patients.