

Press release

First day of trading for Metall Zug following spin-off of real estate business unit

Zug, July 2, 2012 – Trading in Metall Zug series B registered shares will begin in the Domestic Standard of SIX Swiss Exchange AG on July 2, 2012, initially "ex-dividend" without the spun-off real estate business (stock exchange symbol remains METN). The Metall Zug Group continues to operate in the areas of household appliances, infection control and wire processing.

On June 22, 2012, the general meeting of shareholders of Metall Zug AG approved the spin-off of the real estate business unit to form Zug Estates Holding AG. As a consequence of this resolution, with effect from July 2, 2012, the two companies Metall Zug AG and Zug Estates Holding AG will operate as two separate exchange-listed companies with their own shareholders and management. The decision to make the real estate unit formally independent should expand both companies' market opportunities and enhance their development potential as well as providing greater transparency for investors.

The former real estate business unit will now become the independent entity Zug Estates Holding AG, and series B registered shares in Zug Estates Holding will commence trading on SIX Swiss Exchange AG with the stock exchange symbol ZUGN on July 2, 2012 in accordance with the regulatory standard for real estate companies.

Metall Zug AG and Zug Estates Holding AG will be managed independently, each by their own board of directors and management. The board of directors of Metall Zug AG is as follows: Jürgen Dormann (Chairman of the board of directors), Heinz M. Buhofer, Calvin Grieder, Marga Gyger, Dr. Peter Terwiesch and Martin Wipfli. Metall Zug AG will be managed by Dr. Jürg Werner (Chief Executive Officer), Robert Berlinger (Chief Financial Officer) and Urs Wälchli (Head HR & Legal).

The Metall Zug Group employs a staff of about 3,000. The holding company Metall Zug AG is listed in the Domestic Standard of SIX Swiss Exchange in Zurich (series B registered shares: securities number 3982108, ticker symbol METN). In addition to the Swiss market leader V-ZUG AG, the household appliances business unit comprises SIBIRGroup AG and Gehrig Group AG. The Belimed Group (infection control) and the Schleuniger Group (wire processing) are also members of the Metall Zug Group.

Upcoming events:

August 27, 2012 Publication of half-year results

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