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**HARBOURVEST GIBT PROVISORISCHES ENDERGEBNIS DES
ÖFFENTLICHEN KAUFANGEBOTES FÜR ABSOLUTE BEKANNT**

- **43'005'846 angediente Aktien, entsprechend einer Erfolgs- und Beteiligungsquote von 98.68 %**
- **Der Vollzug wird voraussichtlich am 13. September 2011 stattfinden**

Bis zum Ablauf der Nachfrist am 30. August 2011, 16:00 MESZ (die "Nachfrist") wurden der HarbourVest Acquisition GmbH ("HarbourVest Acquisition") insgesamt 43'005'846 Aktien der Absolute Private Equity AG, Zug ("Absolute") unter dem öffentlichen Kaufangebot vom 7. Juni 2011 (das "HarbourVest Angebot"), für alle im Publikum gehaltenen Inhaberaktien von Absolute, je mit einem Nennwert von CHF 10 (je eine "Absolute Aktie"), angedient.

Die Zahl der Andienungen entspricht 98.68 % der Absolute Aktien, auf die sich das HarbourVest Angebot bezieht (Erfolgsquote) und 98.68 % aller am Ende der Nachfrist ausgegebenen Absolute Aktien, bzw. Stimmrechte (Beteiligungsquote).

HarbourVest Angebot

Das HarbourVest Angebot für alle sich im Publikum befindenden Absolute Aktien, welches Artikel 22 ff. des Bundesgesetzes über die Börsen und den Effektenhandel entspricht, wurde am 26. April 2011 vorangemeldet und am 7. Juni 2011 publiziert. Am 14. Juli, 19. Juli, 28. Juli und am 5. August 2011 wurde das HarbourVest Angebot geändert und/oder die Angebotsfrist wurde verlängert (die "Änderungen/Verlängerungen").

Der HarbourVest Angebotsprospekt vom 7. Juni 2011 (der "Angebotsprospekt") und die Änderungen/Verlängerungen (in deutscher, französischer oder englischer Sprache) können kostenlos bei der Bank Vontobel AG, Corporate Finance, Gotthardstrasse 43, 8022 Zürich,

Schweiz (Tel. +41 (0)58 283 70 03, Fax +41 (0)58 283 70 75, E-Mail: prospectus@vontobel.ch) bezogen werden. Der Angebotsprospekt und die Änderungen/Verlängerungen sowie weitere mit dem HarbourVest Angebot in Zusammenhang stehende Informationen sind auch unter www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender abrufbar.

Gemäss Ziffer 2.2 des Angebotsprospektes bezieht sich das HarbourVest Angebot auf 43'582'605 Absolute Aktien. Am Ende der Nachfrist waren 43'582'605 Absolute Aktien ausgegeben.

Provisorisches Endergebnis

Provisorisches Endergebnis per Ende der Nachfrist:

Anzahl angediente Absolute Aktien	Stimmrechte / Beteiligungsquote	Erfolgsquote
43'005'846	98.68 %	98.68 %

Veröffentlichung des definitiven Endergebnisses / Bekanntgabe hinsichtlich der Erfüllung der verbleibenden Bedingungen des HarbourVest Angebotes

Dieses Endergebnis ist provisorisch.

Das definitive Endergebnis, inklusive Informationen hinsichtlich der Erfüllung der verbleibenden Bedingungen des HarbourVest Angebotes gemäss Ziffer 2.8 des Angebotsprospektes, wird am 5. September 2011 in den Printmedien bekanntgegeben.

Angebotsrestriktionen

Die im Angebotsprospekt aufgeführten Angebotsrestriktionen bleiben weiterhin in Kraft.

Vollzug

Der Vollzug des HarbourVest Angebotes wird voraussichtlich am 13. September 2011 stattfinden.

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