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DOTTIKON ES – Capital Increase to Finance Investments for Growth

- Growth investments over the coming 7 years at the Dottikon site (Aargau, Switzerland)
 - CHF 600 million in API production plants and infrastructure
 - More than 200 new jobs in Production and Technology/Engineering – Operators and leadership positions
- Financing of expansion investments and growth
 - CHF 130 million already committed loans available from 2022
 - Capital increase of up to 10 percent by issuing up to 1'272'644 new registered shares at a nominal value of CHF 0.01 each, granting pre-emptive rights to shareholders
 - Registered shares for which the pre-emptive rights were not exercised will be placed on the market via bookbuilding
- Increase in free float to over 21 percent and SPI inclusion targeted
 - Main shareholder will exercise up to 25 percent of his pre-emptive rights in order to support the target, but will not go below a two-thirds majority share
- For the ongoing full business year 2020/21, net sales are expected to be 20 percent above the previous year's figure

Dottikon, Switzerland, February 18, 2021 – DOTTIKON ES Group, positioned as strategic development and manufacturing partner and specialized in the area of hazardous reactions and the exclusive synthesis of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and fine chemicals, is planning a capital increase to finance parts of the expansion investments during the next 7 years of around CHF 600 million in new API production plants and infrastructure and the creation of over 200 new jobs in Production and Technology/Engineering at its Dottikon site (Aargau, Switzerland) to realize further growth. For this purpose, DOTTIKON ES is looking for, will train, and develop operators and technical specialists for the chemical production of APIs as well as mechanical and chemical engineers and chemists, among others for leadership positions.

For the financing of expansion investments, which are also largely paid for using the company's cash flow from operating activities, DOTTIKON ES has already closed committed loan agreements for CHF 130 million. Loans will be drawn in several tranches over different periods from mid-2022 to the end of 2028 at interest rates fixed today.

In addition, the Board of Directors of DOTTIKON ES HOLDING AG has decided to carry out a capital increase of up to 10 percent by issuing up to 1'272'644 new registered shares at a nominal value of CHF 0.01 each, granting pre-emptive rights to shareholders, in line with the authorized share capital approved by the General Meeting on November 27, 2020. Shares for



which the pre-emptive rights are not exercised will be placed among interested investors in a bookbuilding process. Zürcher Kantonalbank will act as sole bookrunner and lead manager. DOTTIKON ES HOLDING AG targets a free float of more than 21 percent and an inclusion in the Swiss Performance Index (SPI). To this end, main shareholder Markus Blocher, Ph.D., will exercise up to 25 percent of his pre-emptive rights, but will not go below a two-thirds majority share. More detailed information about the capital increase will be made available at a later time with another media release and the publication of the official prospectus. For the ongoing full business year 2020/21, net sales are expected to be 20 percent above the previous year's figure.

DOTTIKON ES manufactures high-quality performance chemicals, intermediates, and exclusive active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for the world's leading chemical, biotech, and pharmaceutical industry. The company with its production site in Dottikon (Aargau, Switzerland) is specialized in hazardous reactions and positions itself as strategic development and manufacturing partner and performance leader. Its safety culture created over the past 105 years guides the innovative use of hazardous reactions, low-temperature and high-pressure chemistry, as well as continuous processing in order to challenge, tighten, or shorten conventional chemical synthesis routes, improve selectivities, yields, and purities, and reduce waste. The versatile technology and equipment portfolio is used, maintained, and continuously expanded to design, develop, and optimize chemical processes and technical manufacturing procedures for the rapid scale-up from kilograms to multi-tons in order to produce and deliver the respective market volumes. DOTTIKON ES' one-site strategy allows reduced decision and communication pathways. This ensures rapid and efficient project development, clear and transparent data and process documentation and close customer communication.

DOTTIKON ES HOLDING AG is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

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