



Announcement in accordance with Section 221 (2) sentence 3 of the German Stock Corporation Act

- Announcement of the reference to the resolution of the Annual General Meeting and the declaration of the issue of convertible bonds -

The annual general meeting has authorized the executive board by resolution dated 25 March 2021 to issue, with the consent of the supervisory board, bearer or registered convertible bonds, bonds with warrants, profit-participation rights or participating bonds (or combinations of these instruments) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Bonds") once or several times with a total nominal amount of up to EUR 2,000,000,000.00 until and including 24 March 2026 and to grant holders and creditors of the Bonds conversion or warrant rights to shares in the Company representing a pro rata amount of the share capital of up to EUR 109,939,363.00, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bonds or to attach conversion or warrant obligations to these Bonds.

On the basis of the above authorization resolution of the annual general meeting of 25 March 2021, the Company has issued 4,000 convertible bonds with a nominal amount of EUR 100,000.00 each, thus with a total nominal amount of EUR 400,000,000.00, which grant conversion rights for up to 74,583,729 shares with a pro rata amount in the share capital of EUR 1.00 each.

The declaration of the issuance of the convertible bonds (including the corresponding resolutions by the executive board and the supervisory board) has been filed with the respective commercial register of the local courts of Berlin-Charlottenburg and Hanover.

Hanover, April 2021

The Executive Board