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

- **39'409'765 angediente Aktien, entsprechend einer Erfolgsquote von 90.425% und einer Beteiligungsquote von 90.750%**
- **Die Nachfrist wird voraussichtlich vom 17. August 2011 bis zum 30. August 2011 laufen**

Bis zum Ablauf der Angebotsfrist am 10. August 2011, 16:00 MESZ (die "Angebotsfrist") wurden der HarbourVest Acquisition GmbH ("HarbourVest Acquisition") insgesamt 39'409'765 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 90.425% der Absolute Aktien, auf die sich das HarbourVest Angebot bezieht (Erfolgsquote). Unter Einbezug der durch Absolute gehaltenen 1'530'000 Absolute Aktien beläuft sich die Beteiligung von HarbourVest Acquisition auf 90.750% aller am Ende der Angebotsfrist 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 (die "Voranmeldung") 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 Angebotsfrist waren 45'112'605 Absolute Aktien ausgegeben.

Provisorisches Zwischenergebnis

Provisorisches Zwischenergebnis per Ende der Angebotsfrist am 10. August 2011, 16:00 MESZ:

	Anzahl Absolute Aktien	Stimmrechte (ob ausübbar oder nicht)	Erfolgsquote
Eigene Aktien von Absolute bei der Voranmeldung *	1'530'000	3.39%	n.a.
In das HarbourVest Angebot angediente Aktien	39'409'765	87.359%	90.425%
Zwischenergebnis	40'939'765	90.750%	n.a.

* Absolute wird seit dem 25. April 2011 als eine mit HarbourVest Acquisition in gemeinsamer Absprache handelnde Partei betrachtet. An diesem Datum haben HarbourVest Acquisition S.à r.l., Luxemburg und Absolute eine Transaktionsvereinbarung hinsichtlich des HarbourVest Angebotes unterzeichnet.

Veröffentlichung des definitiven Zwischenergebnisses / Bekanntgabe hinsichtlich der Erfüllung der Bedingungen des HarbourVest Angebotes

Dieses Zwischenergebnis ist provisorisch.

Das definitive Zwischenergebnis, inklusive Informationen hinsichtlich der Erfüllung der Bedingungen des HarbourVest Angebotes gemäss Ziffer 2.8 des Angebotsprospektes und des Zustandekommens des HarbourVest Angebotes, wird am 16. August 2011 in den Printmedien bekanntgegeben.

Angebotsrestriktionen

Die im Angebotsprospekt aufgeführten Angebotsrestriktionen bleiben weiterhin in Kraft.

Nachfrist

Die Nachfrist von zehn Börsentagen zur nachträglichen Annahme des HarbourVest Angebotes wird voraussichtlich vom 17. August 2011 bis am 30. August 2011, 16:00 MESZ laufen.

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