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WALTER MEIER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES THE SECOND ALLOCATION OF PUT OPTIONS IN ITS ANNIVERSARY YEAR

To round off its 75th anniversary, Walter Meier announced a second allocation of put options on November 26, 2012. In the meantime, the associated share buyback, which is intended to reduce capital, has been successfully completed. The take-up rate was 98.97 percent for -A- put options and 100 percent for -B- put options.

The share buyback was carried out from December 3 to 14, 2012, using tradable put options, whereby 20 -A- put options allowed the holder to tender one -A- registered share at a price of CHF 240.00. An equivalent distribution was made for the unlisted -B- registered shares.

In total, 1'370'380 -A- put options and 3'135'000 -B- options were taken up. The tendered shares represent a 4.74 percent share of voting rights and a 4.72 percent share of the capital entered in the Commercial Register. Execution is scheduled for December 20, 2012, and the share buyback will amount to some CHF 24.0 million in financial terms.

The Board of Directors will ask the annual shareholders' meeting in 2013 to reduce the share capital by destroying the registered shares that have been bought back. The tendered 68'519 -A- registered shares and 156'750 -B- registered shares, as well as the shares bought back to be destroyed in June 2012, shall remain the property of Walter Meier AG until the capital has been reduced.

In the 2012 anniversary year, therefore, a total of 9.68 percent of the share capital was bought back, which will lead to a sustained increase in the profit per share. At the same time, the free float was increased. The shareholders were also able to benefit from a tax-free special disbursement of more than CHF 3.00 through the sale of both options.

Further information

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Walter Meier is an international climate and manufacturing technology group. The company was founded in 1937 and today generates sales of approx. CHF 700 million with just under 2000 employees. Shares in Walter Meier are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (symbol WMN).