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German Startups Group Berlin GmbH & Co. KGaA: Proposed resolutions for the extraordinary general meeting now planned for ordinary general meeting

Berlin, 18. January 2016 - The General Partner of German Startups Group, the second-most active venture capital investor in Germany since 2012 (CB Insights, 2015), has decided that all proposed resolutions that were planned for the extraordinary general meeting on 25 February 2016 will now be voted on at the ordinary general meeting in March 2016.

The extraordinary general meeting that was originally planned for 25 February 2016 will not take place. An announcement will be published in the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger) accordingly.

About German Startups Group Berlin GmbH & Co. KGaA

German Startups Group is a listed investment company based in Berlin that focuses on young, fast-growing companies, so-called startups. The company acquires majority and minority shareholdings mainly by providing venture capital. The portfolio companies that German Startups Group holds also stand to benefit from German Startups Group's expertise, experience and network with respect to strategy development, financing rounds, restructuring necessities, M&A transactions or selling the company, including a possible IPO. According to its own assessment, German Startups Group provides startups with so-called "smart money" by acquiring a shareholding. Its focus is on companies whose products or business models represent a disruptive innovation, allow for a high degree of scalability to be expected, and in which it has a great deal of trust in the entrepreneurial abilities of the founders to whom it feels that it obtains early access to due to its close relationships to relevant players in the startup scene. The geographical focus is on the German-speaking region. Since it commenced with operations in 2012, German Startups Group has in its opinion built up a diversified portfolio of investments in young companies and become the second most active venture capital investor in Germany since 2012 (CB Insights, Germany Venture Capital Overview). 28 of the 42 minority stake holdings in operationally active companies are of particular significance to German Startups Group and together comprise 96% (unaudited) of the total value of all 42 active minority stake holdings. According to German Startups Group, its investment portfolio reflects a cross-section of extremely promising German startups of various maturity stages ("Seed," "Early" and "Growth Stage," by German Startups Group's own definition) and includes some of the most successful and best-known German startups.

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