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MEDIA INFORMATION

Repurchase offer for bearer shares

On 21 August 1996 the general meeting of EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG adopted a motion for reduction of the share capital by CHF 1'369'250.-- to CHF 30'000'000.-- through the repurchase of 27'385 bearer shares. For this purpose the company had previously acquired OTC options at market rates for the purchase of the corresponding number of bearer shares with a purchase price of CHF 5'050.--.

In view of the current share prices the company wishes to grant all shareholders the opportunity to offer bearer shares for repurchase, whereby a maximum number of 27'385 bearer shares will be bought back for a price of at most CHF 5'050.-- per share.

The shareholder offers will be taken up as follows: the company will first accept the offers with the lowest price, followed by the offers with the second-lowest price, and so forth. If the company is offered more than 27'385 shares for repurchase, the offers with the highest prices will be proportionately reduced.

The offers must be forwarded in writing to the company by 26 November 1996, 17.00.

The Swiss tax authorities have qualified this share repurchase as a partial liquidation with right of recovery for the anticipatory tax claim, provided the legal prerequisites are met by the seller.

For details please refer to the announcement in the official Swiss commercial gazette SHAB dated 25 November 1996, Finanz & Wirtschaft and the NZZ dated 23 November 1996.