

INFORMATION FOR CREDIT INSTITUTIONS MAINTAINING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS IN RELATION TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 12 APRIL 2012

The right to participate in the General Meeting and to exercise voting rights and all other shareholders' rights, which are exercised in the course of a General Meeting, depend, in the case of bearer shares, on the **ownership of shares on 2 April 2012, 12:00 p.m. (midnight) CEST (record date)**.

Only those are entitled to participate in the General Meeting who are shareholders on this record day and produce evidence of this fact to the Company.

To qualify as evidence of share ownership on the record date a **written safe custody receipt, duly executed in accordance with sec. 10 of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG) shall be sufficient, which is received by the Company no later than by 6 April 2012, exclusively at one of the following addresses:**

By post VERBUND AG
or by messenger: Corporate Affairs, attn. Dr. Andreas Bräuer
 Am Hof 6a, 1010 Wien
By fax: +43 (0)1 8900500-70
or by e-mail: anmeldung.verbund@hauptversammlung.at

Safe custody receipt pursuant to sec. 10a AktG

The **safe custody receipt** must be issued by the credit institution maintaining the deposit account (not by one that is superordinate or subordinate and instructed to maintain deposits) with its registered seat in a member state of the European Economic Area or in a full member state of the OECD and **must contain the following items:**

- Information on the issuer: name/company and address or a common code used among credit institutions,
- Information on deposit holder: name/company, address, date of birth in the case of natural persons, where applicable register and registration number in the case of legal entities,
- Information on shares: number of shares held by the shareholder,
- Deposit number, or otherwise any other kind of designation,
- Time the safe custody receipt refers to.

The safe custody receipt as evidence of share ownership **must refer to the record date of 2 April 2012**. For this reason, it is not possible **to issue** or transmit a safe custody receipt **prior to the 2 April 2012**.

Safe custody receipts shall be accepted in the German or English language.

Shareholders shall not be blocked by registering their attendance at the General Meeting or by submitting safe custody receipts; shareholders may continue to freely dispose of their shares after registration or transmission of a safe custody receipt.

The Company would like to kindly point out that for such deposit holders whose deposit account-maintaining credit institutions **have failed to submit**, in terms of the details specified above, **a complete and correct safe custody receipt** pursuant to sec. 10a AktG in time and by one of the communication channels mentioned above, it shall not be possible for such deposit holders to either attend the General Meeting or, where required, to exercise their right to vote!

As a deposit account maintaining credit institution, you are kindly requested to transmit a confirmation stating the name of the owner and the number of shares to the deposit account holders entitled to attend, which you have specified in the safe custody receipts. This helps to speed up the registration of the deposit holders on the day of the General Meeting and generally avoids having to check the identity of persons, unable to produce a confirmation, by official photo identification.

Queries

Should you need any further **information** on this subject, please call the **telephone number** +43 (0)5 0100 6 – 16386 (General Meeting info hotline) or send an e-mail to: anmeldung.verbund@hauptversammlung.at