

Press release

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Südzucker pays EUR 0.30 dividend

On 14 July 2016, shareholders at the annual general meeting of Südzucker AG voted in favor of the supervisory and executive boards' recommendation to pay a dividend of EUR 0.30 (previous year: 0.25) per share. The decision takes into consideration the significantly improved restructuring and special items result on the one hand, and on the other, the positive results development in fiscal 2015/16 (1 March 2015 to 29 February 2016), which should continue in 2016/17. It also aligns with the company's continuity approach to dividend payments. Based on 204.2 million issued shares in circulation, the total dividend distribution will be EUR 61.3 million. Last year the total distribution was EUR 51.0 million.

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About the Südzucker Group

Südzucker, with its sugar, special products, CropEnergies and fruit segments, is one of the leading companies in the food industry. In the traditional sugar business, the group is the world market leader, with 29 sugar factories and two refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, consisting of the functional ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEO), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger), portion packs (PortionPack Europe) and starch divisions, is an important growth driver. The CropEnergies segment covers the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium, France and the UK. In the fruit segment, the group operates internationally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2015/16, the group employed about 16,500 persons and generated revenues of EUR 6.4 billion.