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WACKER INTENDS TO REDUCE ITS STAKE IN SILTRONIC

- ◆ ACCELERATED BOOKBUILD PROCESS STARTED
- ◆ PRICING AND ALLOCATION EXPECTED ON MARCH 15
- ◆ WACKER REMAINS A MAJOR SHAREHOLDER WITH A
STAKE OF OVER 30 PERCENT

Munich, March 14 2017 – The WACKER Group (“WACKER”) intends to reduce its stake in Siltronic AG (“Siltronic”). To this end, an accelerated bookbuilding was started today after the stock market closed. Pricing and allocation of the shares are expected for March 15, 2017. WACKER has made the customary undertaking to the banks involved in the transaction - Citi, Commerzbank and Credit Suisse - not to sell any further shares over the next 180 days.

Meanwhile, WACKER holds 51.8 percent of Siltronic. After concluding the transaction, WACKER will remain a major Siltronic shareholder, with a stake of more than 30 percent.

“Siltronic’s share price has risen strongly over the last 12 months and the stock is currently trading well above the IPO issue price of €30 in June 2015,” said Rudolf Staudigl, Wacker Chemie AG’s CEO. “Given the favorable market situation in the semiconductor industry, we saw an opportunity to significantly reduce WACKER’s stake in Siltronic and, as planned, become a non-controlling shareholder.”

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Siltronic

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