

Ekosem-Agrar GmbH: Change to the general open market (Allgemeiner Freiverkehr) of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange

Current publication and transparency practice to be maintained

Walldorf, 15 May 2018 – The management of Ekosem-Agrar GmbH, the German holding company of Russian milk producer Ekoniva Group, today terminated the listing of its 2012/21 corporate bond (DE000A1MLSJ1) and 2012/22 corporate bond (DE000A1R0RZ5) in the Bondm segment of the Regulated Unofficial Market of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange. After the six-week cancellation period the bonds will be listed in the General Regulated Unofficial Market (Allgemeiner Freiverkehr) of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange.

This decision was taken in view of the fact that Ekosem-Agrar is the last remaining issuer in this segment and the management of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange already indicated that the Bondm mid-cap segment is no longer of strategic importance and that no new issuers would be admitted.

Although less strict obligations apply in the general open market, the management of Ekosem-Agrar will stick to its current publication and transparency practice, which is in line with the current trend of bond issuers making voluntary commitments regardless of the stock market segment. The strict MAR provisions, which include the publication of ad-hoc announcements of directors' dealings also apply in the general open market. The annual follow-up rating will not be continued as investors have indicated in numerous talks that it is of little relevance to them.

The preliminary consolidated figures for 2017 and information on the performance in the current financial year will probably be published in early June.

About Ekosem-Agrar

Ekosem-Agrar GmbH, Walldorf, Germany, is the German holding company in the Ekoniva Group, one of the largest Russian agricultural companies. With almost 100,000 head of cattle (thereof approx. 50,000 dairy cows) and an average milk production of over 1,300 tonnes per day, the company is the largest milk producer in the country. The group has approx. 350,000 hectares of farmland and is also one of the leading seed producers in Russia. Stefan Duerr, founder and Managing Director of the company, has been active in Russian agriculture since the 80s and has played a decisive role in its modernisation over the past two decades. In 2009, he was awarded the German Federal Cross of Merit for his contribution within the German-Russian Agricultural and Political Dialogue Project. The corporate group has over 7,000 employees in seven regions in Russia and achieved a total output of EUR 149.2 million and an EBIT of EUR 31.9 million in fiscal year 2016. For further information visit: <http://www.ekosem-agrar.de/en>

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