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Press Release

Private placement of Evonik shares ahead of listing successfully completed

Owners sell additional shares to institutional investors

Essen, 12 March 2013. After the first private placement announced on 22 February 2013, the former sole shareholders of Evonik Industries AG, RAG Foundation and funds advised by CVC Capital Partners, placed further shares with institutional investors. As before, they disposed of equal amounts of shares in a private placement advised by MainFirst Bank AG. This concludes the private placement ahead of the contemplated listing. Overall about 12 per cent of the company's share capital were placed with demand substantially exceeding the number of shares on offer.

The further broadening of the shareholder base marks another step toward the contemplated listing. The new shareholders are selected domestic and international institutional investors. The parties agreed to maintain confidentiality on the purchase price. Now that the private placement is completed, the preparations for a listing of Evonik Industries AG on the Frankfurt stock exchange will continue as scheduled.

"We have met an important requirement for the contemplated listing by successfully completing the private placement," said Werner Mueller, Chairman of the Board of RAG Foundation.

Christian Wildmoser, Partner at CVC, added: "The private placement was met by strong interest from domestic and international investors. We are pleased that today we have taken another step towards making a leading specialty chemicals company accessible to an even broader group of investors."

Klaus Engel, Chairman of the Executive Board of Evonik commented: "We also welcome the new investors among our owners and look forward to working together. We will now move ahead towards the listing together with our owners, marking the next important step in our corporate history."

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About RAG Foundation

RAG Foundation is a civil-law foundation established in 2007. Its purpose is to build up Foundation assets by 2018 in order to fund long-term liabilities in German coal mining from 2019 onwards. Under the Foundation's Statutes, this objective is to be achieved by means of an initial public offering of Evonik Industries AG.

For further information on the RAG Foundation, please see <http://www.rag-stiftung.de/en/>.

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CVC has been operating in Germany since 1986 already. The private equity portfolio in the German speaking region currently consists of three companies in Germany (Evonik, Flint Group, ista) and one in Switzerland (Sunrise). Together, these companies employ close to 50,000 people and generate overall revenues of over €18 billion.

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About Evonik Industries:

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2012 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.6 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.6 billion.

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