

**Ad-hoc Announcement  
in Accordance with Section 15 of the  
German Securities Trading Act (WpHG)**



**Strategic business decision, capital increase, planned cooperation**

**Manz AG plans to implement a capital increase against cash contributions from the authorized capital, and intends to enter into a strategic cooperation with Shanghai Electric**

Reutlingen, 28 February 2016 – Manz AG Reutlingen (ISIN: DE000A0JQ5U3) and Shanghai Electric Group Co. Ltd., domiciled in Shanghai (China), intend to enter into a strategic collaboration in the area of energy storage, solar technology and other automation technology areas of the Manz Group together with a major participating interest by Shanghai Electric in Manz AG. Manz AG Managing Board today also decided to continue the Solar CIGS technology in line with its review of the strategic options for Solar segment.

In order to enable Shanghai Electric to acquire a participating interest and to strengthen the financial performance, Manz AG plans to increase the company's capital stock by approximately 43% against cash contributions (corresponds to approximately 29.9% after the capital increase) by issuing new shares from the authorized capital with the inclusion of the shareholders' subscription rights. The publication of a securities prospectus, which requires the approval of the German Financial Services Regulator BaFin (Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht), and the subscription offer to the shareholders is expected to take place during the first six months of 2016 once all preparations have been completed.

Against this background, today Manz AG and Shanghai Electric concluded an agreement (Investment and Backstop Agreement), according to which a subsidiary of Shanghai Electric will acquire those shares from the planned capital increase that are not subscribed by the shareholders at the subscription price. Shareholders Dieter Manz and Ulrike Manz, who currently own 35.2% and 3.8% of the company, will not exercise their subscription rights. The subscription price for the new shares must be set as close as possible to the market, up to a maximum of 40 euros per share. The obligations of Shanghai Electric are conditional on, among other things, the approval from anti-trust authorities in China and various official approvals in China.

Dieter Manz intends to continue to hold a major participating interest in the company, and will continue to lead the company in the capacity of Chief Executive Officer. In this context, the Supervisory Board of the company has appointed Dieter Manz for another five-year mandate as scheduled.

According to the Investment and Backstop Agreement, it is also planned that Shanghai Electric can request to conclude a voting agreement following the implementation of the capital increase or at a later date from Dieter Manz. Accordingly, the parties would, with respect to the shares in the company held by them, coordinate their activities regarding the exercise of their voting rights at the company's Annual General Meeting with regard to certain measures, in particular the appointment and dismissal of members of the Supervisory Board. In this context, the subsidiary of Shanghai Electric is to be entitled to a final decision right during the course of the vote, if an agreement cannot be reached.

If the voting agreement is concluded, Shanghai Electric would likely gain control of Manz AG in terms of section 29 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act, since in addition to the shares acquired from the planned capital increase, it would also be entitled to the voting rights from the shares held by Dieter Manz. As a consequence, Shanghai Electric would be

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obliged to provide the company's shareholders with an offer to purchase their shares (mandatory offer).

As part of the Investment and Backstop Agreement, shareholder Dieter Manz has also committed that in the event a voting agreement is concluded, following the implementation of a mandatory offer, he will sell as many shares to Shanghai Electric as are required to enable Shanghai Electric to attain a 30.1% participating interest in the company through its subsidiary. If a mandatory offer is not submitted within a year after the capital increase, Shanghai Electric can request that Mr. Manz sells as many shares as are required to achieve a participating interest of 29.9%.

Bankhaus Lampe is assisting the transaction in the capacity of Financial Advisor.

*Additional information:*

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