

Press release

Südzucker increases dividend to EUR 0.70

Mannheim, 19 July 2012

On July 19, 2012, shareholders at the annual general meeting of Südzucker AG Mannheim/Ochsenfurt voted in favor of the supervisory and executive boards' recommendation to increase the dividend to EUR 0.70 (previous year: € 0.55) per share. The total amount distributed thus rises to EUR 132.1 (previous year: 104.1) million. The decision was made with due consideration to the operating profit and cash flow achieved and reflects the company's excellent performance.

In its outlook, the executive board confirms the guidance that has been issued to date. Südzucker continues to forecast that consolidated group revenues for current 2012/13 financial year overall will climb to over EUR 7.0 (previous year: 7.0) billion and that consolidated group operating profit will rise to over EUR 800 (previous year: 751) million. The higher profits will come mainly from the sugar segment. The special products segment is expected to repeat last year's strong results and the CropEnergies segment to build on last year's record profits. The fruit segment's operating profit is expected to improve.

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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 three 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 food (BNEO), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger), portion packs and starch businesses, is an important growth driver. The CropEnergies segment covers the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium and France. 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 2011/12, the group employed 17,500 persons and generated revenues of EUR 7 billion.