

## Ad-hoc-release according to § 15 WpHG

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## Südzucker to offer dividend of Euro 0.25 per share

Südzucker AG, Mannheim, will recommend the Annual General Meeting on 16 July 2015 to distribute a dividend of EUR 0.25 (previous year: 0.50) per share for financial year 2014/15. The recommendation is taking the significant decrease of operating profit to EUR 181 (previous year: 622) million into consideration. Based on 204.2 million ordinary shares outstanding this corresponds to a total dividend distribution of EUR 51 (previous year: 102) million.

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## About 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 ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEO), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger), portion packs (PortionPack Europe) and starch divisions, is an important growth driver. The CropEnergies segment covers the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium, France and the UK. 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 2014/15, the group employed about 18,500 persons and generated revenues of EUR 6.8 billion.