

## Press release

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### **Südzucker pays EUR 0.25 dividend and confirms guidance**

On 16 July 2015, shareholders at the annual general meeting of Südzucker AG voted in favor of the supervisory and executive boards' recommendation to pay a dividend of EUR 0.25 (previous year: 0.50) per share. This decision reflects the weaker earnings development of the company. Based on 204.2 (previous year: 204.2) million shares, the total dividend distribution will be EUR 51 (previous year: 102) million.

### **Forecast of 10 April 2015 for fiscal 2015/16 confirmed**

Südzucker continues to expect consolidated group revenues to decline further in fiscal 2015/16, to between EUR 6.0 and EUR 6.3 billion and that operating profit will decline significantly to somewhere between EUR 50 and EUR 150 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.