

## Press release

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### **Südzucker with successful AGRANA share placement**

Südzucker AG, Mannheim, has successfully placed 500,000 AGRANA shares within the capital increase of AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG, Vienna. They have been held for sales since the purchase from M&G Fonds in February 2014.

Shares from Südzucker stock and 1.3 million new AGRANA shares from the capital increase have been placed at a price of EUR 100.00 per share. Gross sales proceeds for Südzucker are EUR 50 million and gross issuance proceeds for AGRANA are about EUR 132 million. In total gross proceeds for Südzucker Group of about EUR 182 million have been realized.

Südzucker and Zucker-Beteiligungsgesellschaft m.b.H. (Raiffeisen-Holding Niederösterreich-Wien and others) did not participate in the AGRANA capital increase leading to a dilution of the joint holding company Z&S Zucker und Stärke Holding AG from 86.2 percent to 78.3 percent. Thereby the AGRANA share free float has been increased to 18.4 percent.

Aside to the remaining 200,000 AGRANA shares for sale, Südzucker still holds 1.5 percent of AGRANA directly. Therefore the directly and indirectly held share in AGRANA accounts for 41.9 percent. Südzucker is still entitled at any time to utilize a majority of voting rights in the holding company and therefore a controlling influence over subgroup AGRANA.

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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 two 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 ingre-

dients 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 2015/16, the group employed about 16,500 persons and generated revenues of EUR 6.4 billion.