Media release

COMET Group: Annual Shareholder Meeting approves all proposals of the Board of Directors

Flamatt, April 24, 2014. The 65th Annual Shareholder Meeting of COMET Holding AG in Berne approved all proposals put forward by the Board of Directors.

The Annual Shareholder Meeting approved the 2013 annual report and financial statements. Retained earnings of CHF 44.6 million were carried forward to new account. The proposal by the Board of Directors for the transfer of paid-in capital and the payment of CHF 8.00 per registered share from the distributable paid-in capital reserve were also approved. Shareholders will receive the dividend payment on May 2, 2014. The Board of Directors was granted full discharge for 2013.

The members standing for re-election to the Board of Directors, Hans Hess, Hans Leonz Notter, Lucas A. Grolimund, Rolf Huber and Prof. Dr. Gian-Luca Bona, were appointed for a further one-year term up to the 2015 Annual Shareholder Meeting. Hans Hess will continue as Chairman of the Board of Directors – a position he has held since 2007. The shareholders also re-elected Rolf Huber and Hans Leonz Notter as members of the Compensation Committee. Ernst & Young were appointed as the auditors for financial year 2014, and Patrick Glauser, Fiduria AG, Berne was appointed as the independent proxy up to and including the 2015 Annual Shareholder Meeting.

The Board of Directors and management confirmed the forecast for 2014. They expect sales of between CHF 270 million and CHF 290 million and a slightly higher EBITDA margin than in 2013.

The next Annual Shareholder Meeting of COMET Holding AG will be held on April 22, 2015 in Berne.
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2014 corporate calendar:
August 21, 2014 Publication of the 2014 half-year report
October 29, 2014 Investor Day 2014

The COMET Group is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of systems and components for the non-destructive testing, security and semi-conductor markets. With the acquisition of the YXLON Group, it became the global market leader in the non-destructive testing of materials using X-ray technology. With core competencies in vacuum technology, high-voltage engineering and materials science, and core products that include X-ray tubes and vacuum capacitors, COMET provides a comprehensive and highly flexible range of components, modules, systems and services – all from a single source. The activities are grouped into three segments: X-Ray & ebeam Technologies (under the COMET and ebeam brands), Plasma Control Technologies (under the COMET brand) and X-Ray Systems (under the YXLON brand).

COMET was founded in 1948 and is based in Flamatt, near Berne, Switzerland. The COMET Group is represented in all global markets. The company has production facilities in Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, China and the US and owns subsidiaries in the US, China, Japan and Korea. COMET’s stock (COTN) is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.