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26. Juli 2011

**DIE ÜBERNAHMEKOMMISSION VERFÜGT DIE VERLÄNGERUNG DER ANGEBOTSFRIST DES KAUFANGEBOTS VON HARBOURVEST FÜR ABSOLUTE BIS ZUM 3. AUGUST 2011**

Im Zusammenhang mit dem öffentlichen Kaufangebot (das “Angebot”) von HarbourVest Acquisition GmbH (“HarbourVest Acquisition”) für alle sich im Publikum befindenden Inhaberaktien der Absolute Private Equity AG (“Absolute”), geben HarbourVest Partners, LLC (“HarbourVest”) und HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited (“HVPE”) bekannt, dass die Angebotsfrist gemäss der Verfügung der Übernahmekommission vom 25. Juli 2011 bis zum 3. August 2011 verlängert wird.

Durch diese Verlängerung erhält die Übernahmekommission Zeit, um die Rechtmässigkeit des Angebots der ACP Intermediate Acquisition S.à r.l., welches sich bloss auf 19.32% der Absolute Aktien bezieht zu beurteilen. Die Verfügung der Übernahmekommission ist abrufbar unter [www.takeover.ch](http://www.takeover.ch)

Zusätzliche Informationen zum Angebot sind abrufbar auf [www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender](http://www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender).

Der neue Zeitplan des Angebots sieht folgendermassen aus:

3. August 2011, 16:00 MESZ	Ende der Angebotsfrist*
4. August 2011	Publikation des vorläufigen Zwischenresultates des Angebots (in den elektronischen Medien)*
9. August 2011	Publikation des definitiven

	Zwischenresultates des Angebots (in den Druckmedien)*
10. August 2011	Beginn der Nachfrist*
23. August 2011, 16:00 MESZ	Ende der Nachfrist*
24. August 2011	Publikation des vorläufigen Endresultates des Angebots (in den elektronischen Medien)*
29. August 2011	Publikation des definitiven Endresultates des Angebots (in den Druckmedien)*
6. September 2011	Spätestes Datum für den Vollzug des Angebots*

\* Im Falle einer Verlängerung der Angebotsfrist wird der Zeitplan entsprechend angepasst

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