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The enclosed press release „Austria Tabak: Extraordinary General Meeting“ is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the „SEC“) on behalf of Austria Tabak AG (the „Company“) pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the „Act“) afforded by Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder.

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Austria Tabak: Extraordinary General Meeting

Austria Tabak will become a 100% owned subsidiary of Gallaher



Vienna (AT) - At an Extraordinary General Meeting today a spin-off was approved enabling a cash transfer to a new company in which the minority shareholders will participate. Every shareholder will receive a number of shares with a pro rata nominal capital of Euro 1 in this company equal to the number of Austria Tabak shares held, and a cash payment of Euro 84 per share from Gallaher.

This will mean that the minority shareholders receive a total of Euro 85 per share – the same as the price which Gallaher paid ÖIAG, and which has already been accepted by the overwhelming majority of shareholders.

As a result Austria Tabak will become a 100% owned subsidiary of Gallaher and it is expected that Austria Tabak will be de-listed by the end of March.

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