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### **Disclosure of insider information pursuant to Article 17 MAR**

**SALZGITTER AG: The medium-term shortfall in CO<sub>2</sub> allowances has been compensated for the most part at the subsidiaries of the Salzgitter Group; the current market value of the CO<sub>2</sub> allowances purchased for this purpose exceeds the figure accounted for in the balance sheet by around € 300 million**

The fourth period of the EU emission trading scheme will commence on January 1, 2021 and will run up until and including 2030. Following the finally determined, externally verified data for our applications for the free allocation of CO<sub>2</sub> allowances that are due for submission at the end of June, we assume that the allowances purchased by us as a precautionary measure will compensate the estimated shortfall for the most part in respect of the subsidiary companies of Salzgitter AG that are subject to the emission trading system. As it is not certain whether – and in the event when – technical CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation options will be available, this procedure considered to be of an equal standing by the emission trading system was taken. The market value of all CO<sub>2</sub> allowances acquired as a precautionary measure exceeds the figure accounted for in the balance sheet as of today's date by around € 300 million. They therefore constitute an asset that cannot be derived from the balance sheet. Consequently, we decided to publish this information in the form of an ad-hoc release.

We make reference to the fact that, on the one hand, the value of the CO<sub>2</sub> allowances acquired is a stock market value and is therefore subject to fluctuations. On the other, the actual amount of the shortfall of free allocation can only be determined once the allocation procedure is complete. In addition, it is ultimately based on the actual need for allowances depending on production over the course of the fourth trading period.

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