Capital increase raises new equity for Wienerberger

- Net proceeds of approx. EUR 318 million
- Strengthening of Wienerberger’s balance sheet and financial flexibility

Vienna, September 30, 2009 – Wienerberger AG successfully completed its capital increase by placing 33,579,075 new ordinary shares, representing 40% of the existing share capital. The capital increase will generate gross proceeds of approx. EUR 336 million and, after deduction of costs and taxes, net proceeds of approx. EUR 318 million. Wienerberger intends to use the net proceeds primarily to repay debt in order to strengthen its balance sheet and reinforce the Company’s financial flexibility.

Strong shareholder support for capital increase

The subscription offer was primarily offered to existing Wienerberger shareholders who benefitted from the favourable subscription price of EUR 10 per share which was fixed prior to the start of the subscription period. Shareholders were entitled to 2 new shares for every 5 existing shares held. 98% of all subscription rights have been exercised.

The new shares for which subscription rights have not been exercised ("rump") have been offered and placed with institutional investors in an international offering. Trading of the new shares which carry full dividend entitlement as of January 1, 2009 is expected to start on October 1, 2009 on the Vienna Stock Exchange.

Increase of share capital to 117.5 million shares

Following the capital increase, Wienerberger’s share capital has increased from 83.9 million shares to 117.5 million shares as a result of which the current market capitalisation is approx. EUR 1.6 billion. ABN AMRO, Morgan Stanley and UniCredit have been acting as Joint Bookrunners and Underwriters in the transaction.

Increase of Wienerberger’s financial headroom

Wienerberger will use the net proceeds from the offering primarily to repay debt in order to strengthen its balance sheet. The capital increase not only broadens Wienerberger’s financial headroom but also maintains its access to financial markets and supports the Company’s rating in the medium term. “I’m very pleased with the result of the capital increase. Thanks to the support and trust of our shareholders, I’m confident that we have now the basis to position the Company at the forefront of our industry to create value going forward”, concludes Heimo Scheuch, CEO of Wienerberger.

Wienerberger is the world’s largest producer of bricks and second largest in the clay roof tile market in Europe, and also holds leading positions with pavers in Europe, with currently 236 plants in 26 countries. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Group had revenues of EUR 2,431 million and operating EBITDA of EUR 440 million.
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