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## EANS-Adhoc: Semperit AG Holding / Thomas Fahnemann succeeds Rainer Zellner as Chief Executive Officer

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New composition of Management and Supervisory Boards Annual General Meeting approves dividend of EUR 1.25 per share

Vienna, April 14, 2011 - The longstanding Chief Executive Officer Rainer Zellner is retiring from the Management Board effective today. In today's Annual General Meeting, the Supervisory Board acknowledged the achievements of Mr. Zellner, who led the long-established company out of its crisis from the 1980s on and expanded it to an internationally operating and very successful Group.

Thomas Fahnemann was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer. At the same time, Johannes Schmidt-Schultes was named to serve as the new Chief Financial Officer of Semperit AG Holding as of April 15, 2011. Johannes Schmidt-Schultes (45) has extensive international management experience gained in a variety of different executive positions, most recently as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer of Telstra, the Australian telecommunications company. Accordingly, the Management Board of Semperit AG Holding now consists of Thomas Fahnemann (Chairman), Johannes Schmidt-Schultes, Richard Ehrenfeldner and Richard Stralz.

The end of the 122nd Annual General Meeting on April 14, 2011 marks the termination of the Supervisory Board mandate of Walter Lederer, whose term of office expired. Patrick F. Prügger was newly elected to the Supervisory Board for a three-year period to replace Mr. Lederer. In its constituent meeting, Veit Sorger was re-elected as the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and Michael Junghans as the Deputy Chairman.

At today's Annual General Meeting, the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding resolved to approve the consolidated financial statements submitted for 2010, as expected, and also discharged the Management and Supervisory Boards. Due to the good annual results posted in 2010, Semperit AG Holding will distribute a dividend of EUR 1.25 per share to its shareholders, corresponding to a dividend payout ratio of about 57%. Ex-dividend day is on April 19, 2011. The dividend payment day was moved forward to April 21, 2011.

Detailed voting results for the individual items on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting can be viewed at [www.semperit.at](http://www.semperit.at).

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