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EANS-News: ams AG / ams announces start of acceptance period for new takeover offer for OSRAM

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- * Publication of offer document following clearance, starting four-week acceptance period running from 7 November until 5 December 2019
- * Reflecting on its position as the pre-eminent OSRAM shareholder, ams has lowered the minimum acceptance threshold to 55%
- * EUR 41.00 offer price reflects a premium of 42% to the undisturbed share price of OSRAM as of 2 July 2019 (EUR 28.92)
- * ams and OSRAM in continued constructive talks on conclusion of Business Combination Agreement

Premstaetten, Austria (7 November 2019) -- ams (SIX: AMS), a leading worldwide supplier of high performance sensor solutions, announces that by publication of the offer document the acceptance period of the all-cash takeover offer by ams Offer GmbH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ams, for 100% of the share capital of OSRAM Licht AG ("OSRAM") at a price of EUR 41.00 per share (the "Offer") has started today.

ams and OSRAM are currently in discussions related to the conclusion of a Business Combination Agreement ("BCA") which would further enhance the cooperation between the two companies and expand on OSRAM's existing photonics strategy.

Following clearance of the offer document, OSRAM shareholders are now able to tender their OSRAM shares into the Offer until the acceptance period expires on 5 December 2019 at midnight (CET).

ams believes that the Offer represents the best available option for OSRAM and OSRAM shareholders and therefore encourages all OSRAM shareholders to tender into the Offer. The Offer represents a premium of 42% to the undisturbed share price of EUR 28.92 as of 2 July 2019. As the largest shareholder in OSRAM with a direct shareholding of 19.99%, ams has lowered the minimum acceptance threshold to 55%.

ams and OSRAM working towards delivering on joint vision and future strategy

ams and OSRAM intensified their talks in recent weeks to prepare a winning way forward for both companies and end a prolonged period of uncertainty. The aim is to conclude on a comprehensive BCA that reflects the joint understanding on how to seamlessly align the businesses. This includes both the successful integration which encompasses optimizing the global footprint, as well as the joint strategic vision to create a global leader in sensor solutions and photonics.

The BCA, which remains subject to approval by the relevant bodies, shall also

provide enhanced stakeholder commitments and protective covenants for OSRAM employees aimed at safeguarding jobs and manufacturing sites in Germany. ams is prepared to expand on the commitments entered into previously.

"Today marks an important milestone for ams and OSRAM alike," said Alexander Everke, CEO of ams. "OSRAM shareholders can now tender their shares into our present offer and secure a highly attractive fully valued price. In light of the ongoing constructive discussions with the Management and Supervisory Board of OSRAM, we are confident that we can bring our shared vision of creating a European champion and global leader in sensor solutions and photonics to life. This combination accelerates the creation of significant benefits for customers and stakeholders in both companies compared to a standalone situation."

Further information about the offer document - website FAQ and hotline for retail shareholders

A FAQ section for shareholders is available online at http://www.offer-ams-osram.com/ [http://www.offer-ams-osram.com/].

A takeover offer hotline for retail shareholders is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. (CET) from Monday to Friday under the phone number +49 69 9517 9985.

The German version of the offer document (together with a non-binding English translation which has not been reviewed by BaFin) is now available online at http://www.offer-ams-osram.de/ [http://www.offer-ams-osram.de/] as well as for distribution free of charge in the Federal Republic of Germany at HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG, Königsallee 21-23, 40212 Düsseldorf, Germany, fax: +49 211 91091870, email: angebotsunterlage-ams-osram@hsbc.de

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