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MBB SE proposes a special dividend following the Aumann IPO and projects further strong revenue growth to €390 million in 2017

Berlin, 4 April 2017 – MBB SE (ISIN DE000A0ETBQ4), a medium-sized family business, confirms the already published preliminary figures for 2016 and considers itself well-positioned following the successful Aumann IPO.

In 2016, MBB SE generated record revenue of €332.2 million (prior year €252.8 million) and thus grows by 31.4%. EBITDA has reached a new all-time high with €30.4 million (prior year €24.8 million) as well and EBITDA margin amounts to 9.1%. Consolidated earnings amount to €14.3 million (prior year €11.8 million) leading to earnings per share of €2.16 (prior year €1.79). Revenue and earnings exceed management's forecast of revenue of €310 million and earnings per share of €2.10. Group liquidity increased significantly to €77.4 million (€54.0 million at the end of 2015) and net cash increased to €22.6 million (€8.1 million at the end of 2015). As of end of 2016, equity has increased to €98.4 million (prior year €87.7 million) which corresponds to an equity ratio of 36.9% (prior year 39.4%).

On 24 March 2017, MBB subsidiary Aumann conducted a very successful IPO. In the course of this, MBB has reduced its share through the capital increase and the secondary offering from 93.5% to 53.6%. Under IFRS, the value appreciation realized for MBB shareholders from the IPO will be recognized directly in equity in the first quarter 2017. Accordingly, equity attributable to MBB shareholders will increase by more than €140 million or more than €21.00 per share (based on preliminary figures). Group liquidity as of end of March 2017 increases to more than €260 million and net cash to more than €210 million, of which more than €170 million relate to the group parent company MBB SE (based on preliminary figures).

For 2017, MBB forecasts organic revenue growth of 18% to €390 million. Despite the disposal of a significant share of the shareholding in Aumann AG, management forecasts earnings per share on the level of the prior year. This development is expected as order intake and capacity utilisation at the beginning of the new year indicate organic growth at all MBB subsidiaries.

Management views the equity and liquidity base as an excellent condition to grow both organically in the current market environment and through acquisitions. For 2016, management and supervisory board will propose to the annual general meeting to be held on 28 June 2017 an increased dividend of €61 cent/share or €4.0 million (prior year €59 cent/share or €3.9 million). Due to the successful Aumann IPO, a special dividend in an equal amount will be proposed as well, so that in total €8.0 million shall be distributed to the shareholders.

The 2016 annual report will be published on 30 April 2017 while the financial report for the first quarter 2017 will be published on 31 May 2017. Both will be available for download at www.mbb.com.

About MBB SE:

MBB SE is a medium-sized family business that has expanded steadily since it was founded in 1995 through organic growth and the acquisition of companies. Increasing long-term value of the independent subsidiaries and the Group as a whole is the heart of its business model which has been highly profitable from the outset. Substantial growth and sustainable returns will remain MBB SE's goal in future as well.

Further information on MBB SE can be found at www.mbb.com

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