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## **Zumtobel Group AG: Bank of America Corporation holds more than 5% of voting rights in Zumtobel Group AG**

Dornbirn (pta005/24.07.2015/08:25) - Dornbirn, July 24, 2015 - Zumtobel Group AG (VSE: ZAG) has been informed by Bank of America Corporation, in accordance with Articles 91 and 91a of the Austrian Stock Exchange Act, that a total of 5.39% of the voting rights, representing 2,345,955 of the issued shares (43,500,000) of Zumtobel Group AG, were attributable to Bank of America Corporation and its controlled holdings as of July 20, 2015. The 4% and 5% was exceeded. This shareholding breaks down as follows:

+ 4.17% of the voting rights are allotted to 1,816,000 shares of Zumtobel Group AG and are held by Merrill Lynch Equity S.a.r.l. (4.00%) and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. (0.17%).

+ 1.22% of the voting rights are allotted to Right to Recall (529,955 shares of Zumtobel Group AG, without exercise period and expiry date) and are held by Merrill Lynch Equity S.a.r.l. (0.04%) and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (1.17%).

The voting rights and financial instruments are indirectly attributable to Bank of America Corporation, based in Wilmington, USA.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated is an indirect subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation:

The shares in Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are held by BAC North America Holding Company, which is a subsidiary of NB Holdings Corporation. NB Holdings Corporation is a subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation.

Merrill Lynch Equity S.a.r.l. is an indirect subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation:

The shares in Merrill Lynch Equity S.a.r.l. are held by Merrill Lynch Equity Scotland Limited Partnership, which is a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group Holdings I, L.L.C. The shares in Merrill Lynch Group Holdings I, L.L.C are held by Merrill Lynch International Incorporated, which is a subsidiary of NB Holdings Corporation. The shares in NB Holdings Corporation are held by Bank of America Corporation.

Under Austrian law a company needs to announce if the stake of a shareholder exceeds or falls below a specific level (e.g. 4%, 5% or 10%).

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