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SoFFin completes placement of shares in Commerzbank AG

- SoFFin has placed approx. Euro 625 million existing shares in Commerzbank AG
- Placement price of Euro 7.00 per share

The Financial Market Stabilization Fund (SoFFin) announces the placement of existing ex-rights shares in Commerzbank AG for an amount of approx. Euro 625 million. The transaction was conducted by Deutsche Bank, Citi, Commerzbank and HSBC, which are also joint bookrunners of Commerzbank AG's concurrent rights issue.

The placement of the shares out of SoFFin's existing holding results in a short-term reduction of SoFFin's shareholding in Commerzbank AG to approx. 10%. Upon completion of the capital measure by Commerzbank AG and exercise of subscription rights by SoFFin through the contribution of part of its silent participation (approx. Euro 625 million), SoFFin's shareholding in Commerzbank AG will increase again to approx. 17%.

SoFFin's previous blocking minority of 25% originally served to safeguard its silent participation investment; this will be given up in the context of the full redemption of the silent participation (see press release from May 14, 2013). "Through this market-friendly transaction structure, resulting in the full repayment of the silent participation, we have achieved another milestone of exiting the Federal Republic of Germany's investment in Commerzbank," said Dr. Christopher Pleister, Chairman of the Management Committee of the Federal Agency for Financial Market Stabilisation.

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