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PRESS RELEASE

BRAIN share successfully starts trading

Zwingenberg, February 9, 2016: B.R.A.I.N. Biotechnology Research and Information Network AG (“BRAIN AG“; ISIN DE0005203947 / WKN 520394) had a successful stock market debut today. The first share price was at 9.15 Euros, and therefore above the issue price of 9 Euro. BRAIN AG is now listed - as the first German company from the field of bioeconomy - in the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt stock exchange.

A total of 32.5 million Euros (including over-allotments) were placed in the context of the offering, from which the Company receives gross proceeds of 31.5 million. BRAIN AG intends to use these proceeds, after deduction of the IPO expenses, primarily to fund the development of new products and to enhance the marketing of its own products, such as enzymes, performance microorganisms and bioactive compounds.

“Many of our initial share subscribers - among them institutional and private investors from Germany and Europe - have recognized the growth potential offered by a bio-based economy. We do not want to disappoint the trust placed in us and will continue our industrialisation strategy at full throttle. Our pipeline of bio-based solutions, which will make industrial processes more sustainable, efficient, natural and healthier, is strong thanks to a current total of 15 programmes. We will consistently continue to develop them with the proceeds from the IPO,” says Dr Jürgen Eck, CEO of BRAIN AG.

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BRAIN AG is one of Europe's leading technology companies in the field of industrial or "white" biotechnology, the core discipline of the bioeconomy. A particular growth potential is seen in large parts of the chemical industry, where experts foresee a rising share of biotechnology products and procedures. Here, BRAIN AG focuses on the specialty chemicals and the consumer chemicals divisions, with an emphasis on nutrition, cosmetics and wound care.

Based on these business activities, BRAIN was classified by Deutsche Börse as belonging to the Speciality Chemicals sector of the Prime Standard segment. This sector of the German capital market is characterised by a remarkable concentration of expertise, something BRAIN may benefit from as a publicly listed company.

"We are pleased to welcome BRAIN to the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. BRAIN is the first company from the field of bioeconomy to enrich our stock exchange list," says Hauke Stars, Member of the Executive Board at Deutsche Boerse AG.

The BRAIN transaction was the first IPO in Germany this year. The capital increase of 3.5 million shares was fully placed. Approximately 19 per cent of the placed shares were allocated to retail investors. The remaining shares were placed with top-class institutional investors from Germany and different European countries

"With the floatation of BRAIN we have implemented Germany's first IPO of the year. Acting as Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner, we reached out to a large circle of European investors even beyond our Franco-German domestic markets. Thanks to our highly experienced and committed sales team, we have been able to convey the BRAIN equity story and the bio-based economy as a whole to the investment community," says René Parmantier, CEO of ODDO SEYDLER BANK AG, which managed the IPO transaction. *"Despite a highly volatile capital market environment, the final issue price was fixed within the initial bookbuilding range. We are very happy about this successful transaction, which may possibly help break the ice for further IPO transactions,"* adds Parmantier.

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ODDO SEYDLER Bank AG acted as Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner in the BRAIN IPO transaction. Blaettchen Financial Advisory GmbH supported the Company as IPO consultant, the law firm Hoffmann Liebs Fritsch & Partner acted as issuer's counsel, and Instinctif Partners supported in the areas of investor relations & financial communication.

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About BRAIN

BRAIN is one of Europe's leading technology companies in the field of industrial biotechnology, the core discipline of Bioeconomy. As such, BRAIN identifies previously untapped, efficient enzymes, microbial producer organisms or natural substances from complex biological systems that can be put to industrial use. The innovative solutions and products developed by help of this "Toolbox of Nature" are successfully applied in the chemistry, the cosmetics and the food industries. Today, BRAIN's business model is based on two pillars – "BioScience" and "BioIndustrial". The first pillar, "BioScience", comprises its – frequently exclusive – collaboration business with industrial partners. The second pillar "BioIndustrial" comprises the development and commercialisation of BRAIN's own products and active product components. Further information is available at www.brain-biotech.de/en

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