



Press Release

primion's principal shareholder Heinz Roth sells 20.11% of shares to strategic investor from Spain

- **Heinz Roth and Azkoyen Group agree to act-in-concert with voting rights**
- **Voluntary takeover bid to all shareholders**

Stetten am kalten Markt, 12th September 2008: With a purchase agreement dated 11th September 2008, Heinz Roth the CEO and with 29.11%, the former principal shareholder of primion Technology AG in Stetten am kalten Markt, has sold 20.11% of his shareholding to the Azkoyen Group. Azkoyen is headquartered in Navarra, Spain and is quoted on the Madrid Stock Exchange. The off-exchange sale was made at a price of € 6.00 per share, which corresponds to a premium of 18.3% over the weighted average of the share price over the last 90 days. The primion shares closed yesterday (Thursday) on XETRA at € 5.22 per share.

Heinz Roth and the Azkoyen Group have agreed to act-in-concert in respect of their joint voting rights, which amount to 29.11%.

The decision to purchase the primion shares and to jointly deploy voting rights is part of the growth strategy of the Azkoyen Group. Azkoyen is the market leader in Southern Europe and the UK in the area of vending machines for tobacco goods, drinks and snacks and has already diversified into the High-Tech market as a supplier of coin and banknote validation and sorting devices and electronic payment systems. The Spanish company is represented in over 50 countries and achieves almost 70% of its turnover outside Spain.

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As Miguel Iraburu, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the Azkoyen Group explained, “During our search for further expansion options in the High Tech segment, particularly in the areas of Security Technology and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), we became aware of primion Technology AG as the result of thorough market analysis. Through primion, we have access to innovative solutions and technologies in Time Recording, Access Control and Security Technology and thereby significantly expanded our product and service portfolio.” There will also be synergies in terms of market cultivation through Azkoyen in Southern Europe and the UK and through primion in Central and Eastern Europe. “We are very much looking forward to working together with the workforce and the Board of primion Technology AG. In the future as a member of the Azkoyen management team, Heinz Roth will represent the largest part of the Group.”

“The emergence of the Azkoyen Group as a strategic investor stabilises the shareholder structure and offers the ideal basis for primion’s continued growth strategy,” added Heinz Roth, CEO of primion Technology AG. “Following a series of discussions with possible international partners, I made the decision to partner up with Azkoyen. Azkoyen is the ideal partner for the long-term, stable and sustainable development of primion.”

Azkoyen and Heinz Roth have agreed a long-term cooperation, which precludes the sale of shares to a third-party during this time and which safeguards a significant right of co-determination for Heinz Roth, when it comes to important decisions concerning strategy and management. This guarantees continuity in the management and direction of primion Technology AG, within the framework of the existing company culture. The international setup of the Azkoyen Group provides the basis for the further expansion strategies outlined above, also into new markets.

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The Azkoyen Group has also announced its intention to offer all primion shareholders a voluntary public takeover bid at a price of € 6.00 per share, which corresponds to a premium of 18.3% over the weighted average of the share price over the last 90 days.

Further information about primion Technology AG

primion Technology AG, with its headquarters in the town of Stetten am kalten Markt in Germany's technology state of Baden Württemberg, is an internationally active supplier of innovative software and hardware based systems for Access Control, Time Recording and Integrated Security Technology. As a one-stop-shop, primion offers over 5,000 customers worldwide single-source solutions, covering all aspects from Development, Manufacturing, Project Management and Installation up to Commissioning and a complete package of Service and Support options. With over thirteen years experience, primion has established itself as one of the technology and innovation leaders in the markets for Access Control, Time Recording and Integrated Security Technology. In the fiscal year 2006/2007 that ended on 30th September 2007, the primion Group, with a workforce of some 400, had total revenues of 54.7 million Euro and an EBIT of 3.4 million Euro.

Further information about the Azkoyen Group

The Azkoyen Group is a multi-national company with its headquarters in Navarra, Spain, which has been manufacturing and selling automatic vending machines for tobacco products, drinks and snacks since 1956. The Azkoyen Group is also the leading Spanish supplier of coin and banknote selectors as well as electronic payment systems for the vending, public telephone and game machine sectors. The firm has produced and sold coffee to the catering sector for twelve years. The Group's products are distributed in over 50 countries on all five continents. In the fiscal year 2007, the Azkoyen Group, with a workforce of some 670, had total revenues of 136.7 million Euro and an EBIT of 16.7 million

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Euro. The vending machine and hot-beverage dispenser specialists Coffetek Ltd., based in Portishead, UK, joined the Azkoyen Group in March 2008.

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