



Preliminary Result of the Public Tender Offer by

AFB Investment S.A., Luxembourg,

for all publicly held registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 20 each of

Forbo Holding AG, Eglisau, Switzerland.

Background

On March 4, 2005 AFB Investment S.A., Luxembourg («**AFB Investment**»), pre-announced a public tender offer for all publicly held registered shares of Forbo Holding AG, Eglisau («**Forbo**»), in the electronic media (the «**Offer**»). On March 8, 2005 the offer prospectus was published in the Neue Zürcher Zeitung and in l'Agefi. The offer price amounted to CHF 260 net per registered share in Forbo less the gross amount of any dilution effects becoming effective prior to the settlement of the Offer. On March 21, 2005 AFB Investment published an amendment of the condition (a) of the Offer in the electronic media. The acceptance threshold for the success of the Offer was reduced from 66.67% to 50.01% of all publicly held registered shares in Forbo at the end of the offer period. On March 22, 2005 the publication of this amendment of the Offer followed in the Neue Zürcher Zeitung and in l'Agefi.

Preliminary Result of the Offer

The offer period expired on April 6, 2005, 4:00 p.m. Central European Time (CET). Up to that date, 425,201 registered shares in Forbo have been tendered to AFB Investment which corresponds to 16.1% of the registered shares Forbo affected by the offer. Further, AFB Investment has acquired one registered share in Forbo before April 6, 2005 over the counter. Thus, the total shareholdings of AFB Investment amounts to 425,202 registered shares in Forbo at the end of the offer period. This corresponds to a total of 16.1% of all publicly held registered shares in Forbo at the end of the offer period and 15.7% of the capital and the voting rights of Forbo.

The amended condition (a) of the Offer (at least 50.01% of all publicly held registered shares in Forbo have been tendered during the offer period) is not fulfilled. AFB Investment will not extend the offer period and declares that the Offer **has failed**. This is the preliminary result of the Offer. The final result will be published in the Neue Zürcher Zeitung and in l'Agefi on April 11, 2005.

Booking back of Tendered Shares

All shareholders of Forbo who have tendered their shares in the Offer by AFB Investment can dispose again of their shares freely. Registered shares in Forbo which have been tendered and booked on the separate Security Number 2.077.448, will be booked back to the basic Security Number 354.151.

April 6, 2005

Financial adviser and offer manager:



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Security Number: 2.077.448	Forbo Holding AG Registered Shares Tendered for Acceptance (Second Trading Line) ISIN: CH0020774482	Bloomberg: FORNE SW