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# Statement of the Management Board of CHRIST WATER TECHNOLOGY AG concerning

the unsolicited bid to acquire control (section 25a of the Takeover Act)

by

## Eimco Water Technologies GmbH

On 13 October 2009, Eimco Water Technologies GmbH (the "**Bidder**"), registered in the company register of the commercial court Vienna under FN 326396 w, Parkring 2, 1010 Vienna, Austria, submitted to all shareholders of the Target Company and published an unsolicited bid (the "**Bid**") to acquire control in accordance with section 25a of the Takeover Act ("**Takeover Act**") for the acquisition of all the shares in CHRIST WATER TECH-NOLOGY AG (the "**Target Company**" or "**CWT**"), registered in the commercial register of the district court Wels under FN 173093 z, Walter-Simmer-Str. 4, 5310 Mondsee, Austria, listed for official trading (prime market) at the Vienna stock exchange, which are neither held by the Bidder nor by a member of the GLV Group nor as own shares by the Target Company, i. e. 19,644,349 no par value bearer shares (ISIN AT 0000499157; each a "**Share**" and together the "**Shares**"). The nominal capital of the Target Company amounts to 19,644,349 no par value bearer shares, with a pro-rata value allocable to each no par value share of EUR 1.00 of the nominal capital.

In accordance with section 14 of the Takeover Act, the Management Board (the "Management Board") and the Supervisory Board (the "Supervisory Board") of the Target Company have the obligation to prepare substantiated statements concerning the Bid immediately after the publication of such bidding documents. Such statements must in particular contain an evaluation on whether the consideration offered and the rest of the contents of the Bid adequately take into account the best interests of all shareholders and other holders of equity and an assessment of the impacts such Bid is expected to have on the Target Company, particularly on the employees (concerning the jobs, the employment conditions and the future of branch offices), the creditors and on public interest based on the Bidder's strategic plan for the Target Company. Should the Management Board or the Supervisory Board not be able to give conclusive recommendations, they must at least provide arguments in favour or against the Bid, emphasising material aspects.

Such statement shall also include information provided by the Bidder, either marked as "information provided by the Bidder" or otherwise, the accuracy and correctness of which cannot be assessed by the Management Board due to the lack of access to the required sources. However, the Management Board is not aware of any circumstance giving rise to any doubts concerning the accuracy and correctness of such information provided by the

Bidder. Therefore, in this statement the Management Board acts on the assumption that generally such information provided by the Bidder is accurate and correct.

To the extent the statement refers to future developments and events or such future developments and events form the basis of comments contained in the statement, in particular regarding the development of the Target Company, of the company operated by it and its value, those depend on expectations, evaluations and forecasts, which are naturally subject to corresponding evaluation uncertainties and which may turn out to be incorrect.

To the extent this statement addresses legal issues, please take into account that the evaluation of the takeover commission and other decision-making authorities may be different.

Any terms not defined in this statement shall have the meaning defined in the Bid unless the context requires otherwise.

# 1. Starting position

The Bidder is an indirect subsidiary of GLV Inc. ("**GLV**"), a company incorporated in accordance with the Canada Business Corporations Act with its seat in 2001 McGill College Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> floor, Suite 2100, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1G1, Canada, listed at the Toronto Stock Exchange, and represents the Bidder within the framework of the Bid (section 3.2 of the Bid).

GLV has the business divisions Water Treatment Group and Pulp & Pater Group and with branch offices in approx. 30 countries and with approx. 1,500 employees, it is a leading provider of technological solutions used for the treatment, recycling and purification of water as well as pulp and paper production (section 3.1 of the Bid). Please visit www.glv.com for further information on GLV.

The Target Company is the parent company of Christ Water Technology Group ("**CWT Group**"), a leading provider of customized technologies, solutions and services in the fields of pure and ultrapure water treatment as well as drinking water and waste water treatment with approx. 950 employees in 30 branch offices worldwide. Please visit <u>www.christwater.com</u> for further information on the Target Company and the CWT Group.

The Bidder's Bid encompasses the purchase of all Shares. The legal entities acting in concert with the Bidder are GLV, GLV Europe, Eimco Holding and all other legal entities under the control of GLV as well as Nova Scotia Company and Trust Laurent Verreault (section 3.2 of the Bid).

In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, at the time the Bid was published, no member of the GLV Group held Shares in the Target Company or was a party to any agreement on the acquisition of Shares or other cooperation or joint ventures with the exception of a Lock-Up Agreement between GLV and the WAB Trust attributed to Andreas Weißenbacher ("**WAB**").

In accordance with the Bid, WAB and Andreas Weißenbacher indicated to the Bidder that they will comprehensively support the Bid. In the above-stated Lock-Up Agreement, WAB irrevocably agrees to sell all the Shares it holds - accounting for approx. 27 % of the nominal capital of the Target Company issued and outstanding - for the same bid price all the other shareholders offer within the framework of the Bid, and no other agreements, covenants or considerations were agreed upon or promised to WAB or any direct or indirect economic beneficiary of WAB in connection with such an agreement, for it to offer its Shares in the Target Company within the framework of the Bid (section 3.4 of the Bid).

In accordance with section 2.3.1 of the Bid, the Bid shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

- 1. Reaching the statutory minimum acceptance threshold of more than 50 % of the permanent voting Shares in the Target Company in accordance with section 25 a, paragraph 2 of the Takeover Act upon expiry of the acceptance period.
- 2. Acquisition of at least 90 % of the permanent voting Shares in the Target Company by the Bidder (not taking into account own shares, if any, held by the Target Company) upon expiry of the acceptance period.
- 3. The Target Company is not insolvent or in liquidation, no insolvency or composition proceedings or proceedings in accordance with the Austrian Companies Reorganisation Act were initiated against its assets and the commencement of insolvency proceedings was not rejected by a competent court for insufficiency of assets.
- 4. Until the expiry of the acceptance period, no modifications or events occur which lead or may lead to (A) a reduction of the consolidated net assets of the Target Company, its subsidiaries and affiliated companies amounting to EUR 7 million or more or (B) the incurrence of expenses amounting to EUR 7 million or more for the redemption or forfeiture of Shares in the Target Company.
- 5. The Target Company's annual shareholders' meeting did not adopt a resolution on a material modification to or revision of the articles of association of the Target Company, including but not limited to reduction in capital.
- 6. No new Shares in the Target Company were issued before the completion of the Bid in accordance with section 2.5.7, first paragraph of the Bid.

In accordance with the first paragraph of section 2.5.7 of the Bid quoted above, the bid price "is paid to those holders of Shares in the Target Company who accepted the Bid during the acceptance period, (i) upon expiry of the acceptance period and (ii) upon ful-filment and/or waiver of all conditions precedent, however no later than on the tenth

(10<sup>th</sup>) trading day upon (i) fulfilment of all conditions precedent and/or waiver and (ii) upon expiry of the acceptance period, concurrently against the transfer of the Shares." Section 2.3.2 of the Bid contains further information on such conditions precedent and on the Bidder's option to waive such conditions precedent.

The bid does not contain any other conditions precedent. Based on currently available information, the Management Board is not able to asses how likely it is that such conditions precedent occur as well as such cartel-law-related issues arise. Regarding the conditions precedent in the sphere of the target company, based on the currently available information, the Management Board expects the fulfilment of these conditions as likely.

The period during which the Bid may be accepted in accordance with the procedure and the conditions provided therein amounts to five weeks, starting on 13 October and ending on 17 November 2009, at 4 p.m. Vienna local time. Such period may be extended in accordance with section 2.5.1 of the Bid. Please pay special attention to section 2.5 of the Bid for details in this respect as well as regarding the additional period in accordance with section 19, paragraph 3 of the Takeover Act.

## 2. Evaluation of the Bid

## 2.1 Bid price

The bid price contained in the Bid amounts to EUR 3.35 per Share (cum dividend for the fiscal year 2009).

## 2.2 Calculation of the bid price

In accordance with section 26, paragraph 1 of the Takeover Act, the price of an unsolicited Bid to acquire control must

- (i) correspond at least to the average stock exchange price weighted according to the respective Share's volume of trade during the last six months before the day the intent to submit a bid was made public, and
- (ii) not fall short of the highest consideration in cash granted or agreed upon by the Bidder or a legal entity acting in concert with the Bidder within the last twelve months before the announcement of the Bid for such Share in the Target Company. The same shall apply to considerations for Shares which the Bidder or a legal entity acting in concert with the Bidder is entitled or obliged to acquire in future.

The average stock exchange price weighted according to the respective volume of trade of the Shares announced within the last six months before the announcement of the intent to submit a Bid, i.e. in the period from 23 March 2009 until and including 21 September 2009 amounts to EUR 1.97 per Share. The bid price of EUR 3.35 per Share exceeds such value and thus fulfils the pre-requisites stated in section 26, paragraph 1, last clause of the Takeover Act.

In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder in the Bid, neither the Bidder nor any legal entity acting in concert with the Bidder nor any member of the GLV Group (i) acquired Shares in the Target Company within the last twelve months before the announcement of the Bid or (ii) at the time the Bid was announced, concluded any agreements on the acquisition of Shares or other cooperation or joint ventures with the exception of the Lock-Up Agreement between GLV and WAB described in detail in section 3.4 of the Bid.

In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder in the Bid, in the above-stated Lock-Up Agreement, WAB irrevocably agrees to sell all the Shares it holds for the same bid price all the other shareholders offer within the framework of the Bid, and no other agreements, covenants or considerations were agreed upon or promised to WAB or any direct or indirect economic beneficiary of WAB in connection with such an agreement, for it to offer its Shares in the Target Company within the framework of the Bid (section 3.4 of the Bid).

On the basis of the information provided by the Bidder, the bid price of EUR 3.35 per share therefore complies with the minimum price regulations provided for in section 26 of the Takeover Act.

The Management Board expressly points out that it has not had access to the records of the Bidder or of any legal entities acting in concert with the Bidder in order to assess the accuracy of the information provided by the Bidder.

## 2.3 Adequacy of the bid price

In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder in the Bid, the Bidder had JP Morgan prepare an evaluation of the Target Company in order to be able to assess the adequacy of the bid price.

In order to assess the adequacy of the bid price, the Management Board analysed the equity capital according to the books, the average stock exchange prices of the last 1, 3, 6 and 12 calendar months before the announcement of the intent to bid on 22 September 2009 as well as an indicative determination of the company value on the basis of the discounted cash flow method.

Taking into account the information contained in section 2.3 as well as the information provided by the Bidder in the Bid, the Management Board believes that the bid price of EUR 3.35 per Share is adequate and fair.

## 2.3.1 Evaluation of the Target Company by JP Morgan on behalf of the Bidder

In accordance with the Bid, the evaluation prepared by JP Morgan on behalf of the Bidder was effected pursuant to two methods (the discounted cash flow method and multipliers of similar companies listed on the stock exchange), whereas the net financial liabilities, the provisions for pensions and other relevant liabilities were deducted from the company value determined in such a manner in order to determine the value of equity capital and the bid price was calculated from this value plus a premium (see section 2.2.5 of the Bid for more details). In this context and in accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, the assumptions of the Target Company and the GLV Group formed the basis for the operational forecasts.

In accordance with the Bid, the first step for the evaluation using the discounted cash flow method was forecasting future financial cash flows, the second step was discounting the cash flows based on a risk-adjusted interest rate at the realisable value as of the valuation date.

In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, for the evaluation using the multipliers of similar companies listed on the stock exchange, the company value of similar companies listed on the stock exchange was set in proportion to operational key data (such as turnover, EBITDA, EBIT) and such multipliers were applied to the corresponding comparative values of the Target Company in order to determine its company value.

In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, the bid price is the result of the company value determined in such a manner plus a premium. JP Morgan's evaluation was not made available to the Management Board. Therefore, it cannot recalculate analytically and assess JP Morgan's evaluation. On the basis of the information provided and in as far as the Management Board is aware, there is no concrete evidence that the evaluation result provided by JP Morgan is incorrect or based on a wrong basis of evaluation.

# 2.3.2 Equity capital in accordance with the books and average stock exchange prices

The common shares in the Target Company were listed for official trading (prime market) on the Vienna stock exchange on 8 November 2005 at an offering price of EUR 7.11 per Share. By mid-2007, the closing price of the Share in the Target Company reached an all time high at EUR 15.70 per Share, at the beginning of 2009 an all time low at EUR 0.75 per Share.

In the past few years, the capital was increased several times, the last increase amounted to EUR 27,500 in January 2009 due to a stock option plan for the Management Board and the Supervisory Board as well as for executive staff members of the CWT Group, which expired in the meantime.

As of 31 December 2006, 31 December 2007 and 31 December 2008 respectively, the Target Company prepared the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, each of which received an unqualified audit certificate from Deloitte Salzburg Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH. Derived from such consolidated financial statements as well as from the unaudited report on the first half of 2009, the financial key data of the Target Company (adjusted by capital changes) of the expired three fiscal years are as follows (stated in euros):

	First half of 2009*	2008	2007	2006
Minimum price	EUR 0.75	EUR 1.38	EUR 10.74	EUR 8.63
Maximum price	EUR 2.99	EUR 12.22	EUR 15.70	EUR 15.40
Average price	EUR 1.66	EUR 7.74	EUR 13.56	EUR 12.32
End-of-month price	EUR 2.46	EUR 1.51	EUR 11.90	EUR 11.81
Result per Share	EUR (0.24)*/EUR (0.09)*	EUR (1.40)	EUR 0.13	EUR 0.18
Dividend per Share	n. a.	EUR 0	EUR 0	EUR 0
Book value per Share	EUR 1.66	EUR 1.88	EUR 3.25	EUR 2.42

\*: The equity capital contained in the (unaudited) report for the first half of 2009 amounts to EUR 32,542,600, i.e. EUR 1.66 per Share, the result per Share from carried forward and discontinued business divisions to minus EUR 0.24 (first half of 2008: EUR 0.07) and the result from carried forward business divisions to minus EUR 0.09 (first half of 2008: EUR 0.11). For the first half of 2009, the price data (closing prices) from the website of the Vienna stock exchange were taken into account.

Therefore, the bid price of EUR 3.35 per Share is above the book value per Share as of 31 December 2006 (+38.4 %), 31 December 2007 (+ 3.1 %), 31 December 2008 (+78.2 %) and 30 June 2009 (+101.8 %).

The weighted average prices of the last 1, 3, 6 and 12 calendar months before the intent to bid was announced are:

	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
Average price	EUR 3.05	EUR 2.70	EUR 1.97	EUR 1.95
Premium in percent	9.8%	24.1%	70.1%	71.8%

Calculation basis: average stock exchange price of the Target Company weighted by the respective trading volume.

### Source: Bloomberg

Therefore, the bid price of EUR 3.35 per Share is above the weighted average prices of the last 1, 3, 6 and 12 calendar months before the intent to bid was announced.

On 21 September 2009, the day before the intent to bid was announced, the closing price of the Share was at EUR 3.33 and thus below the bid price by EUR 0.02.

## 2.3.3 Indicative determination of value by the Management Board

Based on current assumptions and operational forecasts, the Management Board effected an indicative determination of the company value according to the discounted cash flow method.

As a methodical basis for the indicative determination of the company value, the gross procedure according to the WACC concept (weighted average cost of capital) was used. This procedure is a procedure recommended by the association of auditors (Kammer der Wirtschaftstreuhänder) (see KFS/BS 1, marginal no. 92 et seqq.) and thus seems to be adequate for the determination of an indicative company value.

According to the WACC concept, the fair value of the total capital ("entity value") is determined by capitalising the free cash flows with the weighted capital costs. WACC is a mixed interest rate comprised of cost of equity and cost of debt weighted according to the capital structure. The weighting is effected according to the ratio of the fair values of equity and borrowed capital. In order to determine the fair value of the equity capital the actual company value ("equity value") from the fair value of the total capital, the fair value of the interest-bearing borrowed capital must be deducted; for this purpose, the net financial liabilities were subtracted from the indicative total company value in order to determine the fair value of the equity capital. Synergy effects, if any, in case of a takeover by the Bidder were not taken into account.

The bid price of EUR 3.35 per Share exceeds the indicative company value range per Share determined in such a manner.

## 2.3.4 Listing of the Target Company and squeeze-out of shareholders

The Bidder declares in its Bid that it intends to increase its shareholding in the Target Company to 100 % after the closing of the Bid (section 4.2 of the Bid). Whether the Bidder is able to take measures in order to receive 100 % of the Shares primarily depends on the number of the Shares it acquired until such point in time.

The acquisition of at least 90 % of the permanent voting Shares in the Target Company is one of the conditions precedent stipulated in the Bid. Should the Bidder hold at least 90 % of the nominal capital of the Target Company (whereas any own Shares held by the Bidder are not taken into account in the determination of this threshold), it will be entitled to request the squeeze-out of the other shareholders in a procedure in accordance with the Squeeze-Out Act. In this context it shall be noted that the Management Board with approval of the Supervisory Board of the Target Company is authorized by a resolution of the Annual General Meeting of May 20, 2009, within a period of 5 years after the insertion of the change of the Articles of Association into the Company's Register, to raise the company's nominal capital by up to EUR 9,822,174 by issuing up to 9,822,174 new bearer non-par value shares with minimum issue price of 100% against contribution

in cash or kind to EUR 29,466,523 with or excluding rights offering of the previous shareholders. Up to now, the Board has not taken a resolution to make use of this authorized capital.

Also, it is noted that the Management Board of the Target Company with the resolution of the Annual General Meeting of May 20, 2008, for a period of 24 months following the day of the resolution taken, was authorized to buy back shares up to 10% of the Target Company at conditions stated in the resolution (authorization for share buy-back). Up to now, the Management Board has not taken the decision to make use of this authorization.

In the Bid, the Bidder points out that a higher consideration paid due to a capital increase or a possible shareholder squeeze-out does not lead to any subsequent payment in accordance with section 16, paragraph 7 of the Takeover Act.

In accordance with the information provided in the Bid, the Bidder is currently planning a complete integration of the Target Company into the GLV Group and expressly points out the possibility of delisting the Shares in the Target Company (section 4.2 of the Bid). Furthermore, the Bidder expressly points out the risk of delisting the Shares in the Target Company and states in this context that a cancellation of the admission to the official trading at the Vienna stock exchange is provided for as soon as the statutory requirements in accordance with section 66a, paragraph 1, lit 7 of the Stock Exchange Act are not fulfilled anymore, and that the required minimum spread necessary to remain in the market segment (prime market) of the Vienna Stock Exchange is not available anymore, if the number of widely held shares is below 10,000 tradable shares or their par value falls below EUR 725,000 after the closing of the Bid or after effecting a squeeze-out of shareholders (section 4.2 of the Bid).

The possible delisting is likely to result in a very limited liquidity of the Shares and may restrict the pricing in line with the market.

## 3. Acceptance and closing of the Bid

Please read section 2.5 of the bidding documents for details on the acceptance and closing. No shareholder has the obligation to accept the Bidder's bid (please see section 3.4 of the Bid regarding the agreement concluded between WAB and GLV, according to which - according to the information provided by the Bidder - it must dispose of the Shares it holds within the framework of the Bid).

The Bidder reserved the right to subsequently improve the Bid and the right to cancel the Bid in case a competing bid is submitted (section 2.7 of the Bid).

Should a competing bid be submitted during the term of the Bid, the shareholders are entitled to withdraw their acceptance in writing no later than 4 trading days before expiry of the original acceptance period in accordance with section 17 of the Takeover Act.

## 4. Equal treatment

The bid price amounting to EUR 3.35 per Share offered by the Bidder shall be the same for all shareholders. Concerning the Bidder's obligation to make a subsequent payment in accordance with section 16, paragraph 7 of the Takeover Act, reference is made to section 2.9 of the bidding documents.

# 5. Information provided by the Bidder and statements on the best interests of the shareholders, employees and creditors as well as public interest

# 5.1 Economic and legal reasons of the Bidder to submit the Bid

The Bidder states the following economic reasons for the Bid (section 1.2.2 of the Bid):

The acquisition of the Target Company will allow the GLV Group to secure a complementary integrated platform for growth both in Europe and the CEE Region and is supported by a compelling strategic and financial rationale. In addition, the Target Company contributes attractive complementary assets to the GLV Group's existing portfolio, which will position the GLV Group among the leaders in Europe in water treatment, recycling and purification, as well as in the pulp and paper water treatment sector. The Target Company will also provide the GLV Group with a network of strategically well-positioned branch offices in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, giving important logistical advantages to the GLV Group.

The Bidder states that the legal reasons for the Bid include the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Target Company (section 1.2.1 of the Bid).

## 5.2 Business policy objectives and the Bidder's intent

Based on the Bidder's knowledge of the business operations at present, the Bidder states that it intends to retain the material operational centres of the Target Company at their respective locations. In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, the functions of the head office of the Target Company are to be re-organised together with the central functions of GLV and a major part of the tasks of the head office is to be moved to Montreal, Canada (section 4.1 of the Bid).

## 5.3 Legal framework conditions and listing

Regarding such information provided by the Bidder, the Management Board makes reference to the section 2.3.4 of this statement.

# 5.4 Impact on the employment situation and issues concerning the branch office from the Bidder's point of view

In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, GLV intends to integrate the management of the Target Company into the management of the GLV Water Treatment Group. A restructuring will occur in order to streamline the Target Company's operations to improve the integration and efficiency of the management, allowing the GLV Group to achieve improved market competitiveness. In accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, a reduction in staff or reorganisation measures may be considered, however there are no concrete plans yet. The Bidder plans a close cooperation between the management of the Target Company and GLV to identify the requirements of the combined operations, and the optimal allocation of resources, including personnel issues, training, and related matters (section 4.3 of the Bid).

## 5.5. Statement by the Management Board of the Target Company

After the expansion policy in the years 2006 to 2008, the Target Company was faced by numerous economic challenges during the past 15 months, in particular of an operational and financial nature. Those include but are not limited to:

- The Management Board believes seen in retrospect that the entry into the power plant industry with long-term turnkey projects occurred at an unfavourable time in the business cycle, in connection with a high concentration of projects at the Swiss location of the CWT Group, some rather suboptimal project implementations and difficult order situations.
- The restructuring of the Food & Beverage division was also burdened by decreasing orders due to the general economic crisis and unexpectedly high operational losses.
- Irrespective of the strong position in the division Ultrapure Water, the decrease in investments in the semiconductor industry due to the recession in the past eight months led to under-utilisation.
- In the past few years, the profit margin planned by the CWT Group could not be achieved; profitability was considerably lower than that of larger competitors with better capitalisation.

Since September 2008, the management team has prompted a number of operational restructuring measures (including the reduction of costs, risks and complexity as well as a reduction in the net indebtedness), the implementation of which is still ongoing and the economic impact of which has not fully development yet. Due to the sale of the Pharma & Life Science division including the majority shareholding in the Zeta Group, the assets, financial and income situation of the CWT Group improved significantly. As a result of the

conclusion of this transaction and the restoration of the agreed upon equity ratio, material credit lines could be maintained; this is the reason why the Management Board is of the opinion that sufficient cash and bank guarantee facilities are available for the ongoing business operations.

According to the Management Board, the CWT Group is currently in the last phase of a difficult restructuring process. Taking into consideration the global recession still ongoing in some industries, the restoration of a sustainable trust in the market and economic stability is still the top priority of the Management Board, despite the positive development of the restructuring of the CWT Group. The takeover by the Bidder brings considerable advantages in the Management Board's opinion, as in case of a successful conclusion of this transaction, two technologically and regionally mostly complementary groups of companies can merge into one globally leading provider active in the field of water technology. This is particularly true as economies of scale play an important role for profitability and competitiveness in significant business divisions of CWT.

However, in case of a successful takeover of the Target Company by the GLV Group, the Management Board expects - based on the information provided by the Bidder - that material central functions of the Target Company will be reorganised and a major part of the currently existing holding functions will be transferred to Canada. Moreover, based on the information provided by the Bidder, the Management Board cannot exclude the possibility that concerning the interests of the employees of the CWT Group, a (at least partial) reduction in staff or reorganisation measures may be effected; however, the Management Board deems the fact that the Bid does not contain any concrete plans of such measures to be generally positive.

However, in case the Bid is not accepted, the Management Board can not exclude the possibility that additional restructuring measures incurring respective costs may be necessary.

From today's point of view and taking into account the information provided by the Bidder, the Management Board expects that regarding CWT Group's locations, the significant operational centres of the Target Company will remain in place in Austria. As the current business activities of the GLV Group and the CWT Group mostly complement each other in the Management Board's opinion, it believes that a takeover would have mostly positive effects on the locations of the CWT Group in case of a takeover.

The Management Board is of the opinion that GLV has the required economic efficiency to create the necessary framework conditions for the economic success of the CWT Group in case the Bid is accepted.

The Management Board believes that the future business policy prepared by the Bidder forms a good basis for the further development of the CWT Group in order to be well positioned operationally and in order to be able to use the opportunities in the relevant markets.

From today's point of view, the Management Board sees no significant negative implications for the Target Company's creditors in case the Bid is accepted.

For certain existing credit lines and the corporate bond issued in 2006 with a maturity until 27 April 2013 and a total par value of EUR 50 million, there are also certain contractual termination options in case of a change of control for the purposes of the relevant contracts.

The Management Board points out that in case the statutory admission requirements in accordance with section 66a, paragraph 1, lit 7 of the Stock Exchange Act are not met, a withdrawal of the Shares from the trade at the Vienna stock exchange would be mandatory and that the Bidder indicated that it is a top priority to increase its interest in the Target Company to 100 % after closing of the Bid (please see section 4.2 of the Bid for more details). Should the Bidder hold at least 90 % of the nominal capital of the Target Company (please see the corresponding provision in section 2.3 of the Bid) (whereas any own Shares held by the Target Company are not taken into account in the determination of this threshold), it is entitled to request the squeeze-out of the other shareholders in a procedure in accordance with the Squeeze-Out Act.

# 6. Markets on which the Shares are admitted for trade

The Shares in the Target Company are admitted for official trading at the Vienna stock exchange under ISIN AT0000499157 and are being traded in the market segment *Prime Market.* Shares for which the Bid was accepted are not admitted for trading.

# 7. Interests of the members of the Management Board of the Target Company

# 7.1 Interlinked corporate bodies

There are no interdependencies between the corporate bodies of the Bidder and the legal entities acting in concert with the Bidder on the one hand and the members of the Management Board on the other hand.

The Management Board states that the Bidder did not offer or grant any financial or nonmonetary benefits to the members of the Management Board in case the takeover bid is successful. The Management Board was not offered or granted any financial or nonmonetary benefits from anyone in case the takeover bid should fail.

## 7.2 Directors' holdings

For the purpose of a comprehensive provision of information to the shareholders (section 3, no. 2, section 4, no. 3 of the Takeover Act), the Management Board hereby reports that the members of the Management Board currently do not hold any Shares or share options in the Target Company.

## 8. Additional information

For further information on the statement of the Management Board, please contact Mag Harald Wegscheider, tel. +43 6232 9011 1002, e-mail: <u>Harald.Wegscheider @ christwater.com</u> during the Target Company's general business hours. Please visit the website of the Target Company for further information (<u>www.christwater.com</u>)

## 9. Legal advisor

The Target Company's legal advisor is DORDA BRUGGER JORDIS Rechtsanwälte GmbH, registered in the company register of the commercial court Vienna under FN 188155 z, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring 10, 1010 Vienna, Austria.

## 10. Expert in accordance with section 13 of the Takeover Act

The Target Company appointed Deloitte Audit Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH, commercial register no. FN 36059 d, Renngasse 1/Freyung, 1013 Vienna, Austria as independent experts for consulting services during the entire procedure and for the review of the statements of the administrative bodies in accordance with section 13 of the Takeover Act.

## 11. Summary and recommendation

In summary we would like to state that the bid price corresponds to the statutory provisions contained in section 26, paragraph 1 of the Takeover Act and takes into account the best interests of the shareholders, employees and creditors as well as public interest in a fair manner, provided the information provided in the Bid is correct.

Whether or not the Bid will be accepted cannot be assessed at this time, however, in accordance with the information provided by the Bidder, WAB assumed the obligation to sell the Shares it holds, accounting for approx. 27 % of the issued and outstanding nominal capital of the Target Company, for the same bid price applicable to all other shareholders offering their Shares within the framework of the Bid.

The Management Board welcomes and supports the prospects and opportunities resulting from the takeover for the CWT Group. The Management Board is of the opinion that the shareholders should particularly take into account the statements of the Management Board contained in section 2 and 5 as well as the following statements:

- Contra the Bid:
  - The current trading price of the Shares in the Target Company approximates the bid price: The closing price of the Share in the Target Company amounted to EUR 3.33 per Share on 16 October 2009.
  - It is possible that the price of the Share in the Target Company will exceed the bid price in future, whereas a contributory factor could in particular be that the future trend in earnings of the Target Company may turn out positive in relation to the past comparative values, which may lead to an increase in the value of the company.
- In favour of the Bid:
  - The bid price is above the average historic prices weighted by trade volume of the last 1, 3, 6, and 12 calendar months before the intent to bid was announced (calculated as of 21 September 2009 in each case).
  - As of 31 December 2008, the bid price is above the book value per Share (EUR 1.88).
  - The bid price is above the indicative company value range determined by the Management Board according to the discounted cash flow method.
  - The Management Board of the Target Company believes that in particular delisting, a reduction in spread and the associated restricted pricing in line with the market as well as a possible squeeze-out in accordance with the Squeeze-Out Act may pose risks for those shareholders who do not accept the Bid (see section 4.2 of the Bid).
  - Currently, the CWT Group is in the last phase of a difficult restructuring process which is still being implemented and the economic impacts of which have not yet materialised. The Management Board cannot exclude the possibility that in future, the price of the Share in the Target Company will fall below the bid price, whereas a contributory factor could be that the future trend in earnings of the Target Company may turn out negative in relation to the past comparative values, which may lead to a decrease in the value of the company.

Upon thorough consideration taking into account the weighting of the individual arguments, the Management Board recommends that the shareholders accept the Bid. However, the Management Board expressly points out that the assessment of whether the Bid is favourable for each individual shareholder can only be made by the shareholder on the basis of his/her individual situation (original price, long term and short term investment, readiness to assume a risk etc.) and that the future development of the capital market and of the CWT Group as well as the results of the Bid expected by the shareholder are of major importance.

Mondsee, 16 October 2009

The Managing Board:

Mag Harald Wegscheider

Malek Salamor

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## Statement of the Supervisory Board of CHRIST WATER TECHNOLOGY AG

#### concerning

#### the unsolicited public takeover bid in accordance with

### section 25a of the Takeover Act

#### by

#### Eimco Water Technologies GmbH

The Supervisory Board was made aware of the statement by the Management Board of the Target Company.

In accordance with a resolution adopted on 16 October 2009, the Supervisory Board of the Target Company approves the statement of the Management Board upon thorough review of the bidding documents in a meeting of the Supervisory Board and upon thorough deliberation on the presented statement of the Management Board and endorses it fully, pointing out that the introductory remarks contained in the statement of the Management Board apply analogously to the Supervisory Board, as well.

The Supervisory Board states that the Bidder did not offer or grant any financial or nonmonetary benefits to the members of the Supervisory Board in case the takeover bid is successful. The Supervisory Board was not offered or granted any financial or nonmonetary benefits from anyone in case the takeover bid should fail.

There are no interdependencies between the corporate bodies of the Bidder and the legal entities acting in concert with the Bidder on the one hand and the members of the Supervisory Board on the other hand.

For the purpose of a comprehensive provision of information to shareholders (section 3, no. 2, section 4, no. 3 of the Takeover Act), the Shares in the Target Company held by the members of the Supervisory Board shall be disclosed as follows:

Name	Function	Number of shares held	
Mag Dr Leopold Bednar	Chairman of the Supervisory Board	5,800	
Dr Wolfgang Hochsteger	Member of the Supervisory Board	10,000	
Gerda Egger	Member of the Supervisory Board	28,060	
Emil Flückiger-Roth	Member of the Supervisory Board	10,200	

THE WAB Trust has an interest of 5,225,000 Shares in the Target Company. Mister Andreas Weißenbacher is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Target Company and founder of the WAB Trust, FN 166606i. Ms. Gerda Egger is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Target Company and the chairwoman of the WAB Trust. Mister Wolfgang Hochsteger is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Target Company and the deputy chairman of the WAB Trust.

The members of the Supervisory Board intend to accept the Bid.

Mister Andreas Weißenbacher and the WAB Trust indicated to the Bidder that they will comprehensively support the presented Bid (section 3.4 of the Bid). The WAB Trust assumed the obligation to sell all Shares it holds to GLV in accordance with the Bid (please see section 3.4 of the Bid).

Taking into account the considerations stated above, the Supervisory Board of the Target Company is of the opinion that the Bid accommodates the best interests of the shareholders, the employees, the creditors and public interest in a fair and sufficient manner. The Supervisory Board recommends that the shareholders accept the Bid.

Mondsee, 16 October 2009

For the Supervisory Board:

Mag Dr Leopold Bednar Chairman of the Supervisory Board

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