

## Press Release

# 13th Annual General Meeting agrees a dividend of EUR 1.10 per share - Sales revenues and EBIT well up in 2011

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As anticipated, Binder+Co AG shareholders took positive note of the 2011 financial statements presented at yesterday's Annual General Meeting. In an uneven but generally favourable economic climate, the Gleisdorf-based processing, environmental and packaging technology specialist demonstrated marked growth in 2011. At EUR 81.71 million, sales revenues in 2011 were 29% higher and EBIT rose 18% to EUR 8.54 million. Moreover, order intake was up by 25% to EUR 86.58 million.

On the basis of solid order backlog of EUR 28.83 million at the beginning of the year, the considerably enlarged product range with new BUBLON technology and the products of Comec-Binder S.r.l., which was consolidated in 2011, as well as the planned strengthening of direct sales in overseas markets, it remains the declared aim of the Binder+Co management that both growth and result quality in 2012 will be well above the branch average.

Following the approval granted by yesterday's Annual General Meeting, Binder+Co will pay its shareholders a dividend of EUR 1.10 per share for 2011 (2010: EUR 1.00).

The Annual General Meeting appointed the Vienna-based Grant Thornton Unitreu Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungs GmbH as the auditors for the 2012 financial year.

In principle, the Amendment to the Austrian Companies Act 2011 requires that unlisted corporations alter their stocks from bearer to registered shares. Excluded from this requirement are those companies whose stocks were traded on the Third Market of the Vienna Stock Exchange on August 1, 2011. In order to continue to facilitate the tradability of its shares, Binder+Co AG has claimed this right and will not change its stocks from bearer to registered shares. The corresponding adjustment of the current company articles to the Amendment to the Austrian Companies Act 2011 took place through the approval of the Annual General Meeting to alterations to §§4 and 21.

The Management Board also reported on the buy-back of own shares, which within the scope of a stock option programme, are on offer to all company employees and members of the Management Board. To date 129,914 shares, which constitute 3.46% of share capital, have been repurchased. Following the exercise of the stock option programme with 32,111 shares, as at April 11, 2012, Binder+Co held 97,803 own shares.

Management Board member, Karl Grabner: *"With the agreed dividend and our stock option programme we have underlined our commitment to offer our shareholders and employees reasonable participation in company success."*

### **The Binder+Co Group**

*Binder+Co is a specialist in the field of processing, environmental and packaging technology and the world market leader in the screening and glass recycling segments. The company was listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange at the end of 2006 and is now part of the Third Market in the mid market segment. The Binder+Co Group consists of Binder+Co AG, the two fully owned subsidiaries Comec-Binder S.r.l. and Bublon GmbH, and the Statec Binder GmbH joint venture. In 2010, Binder+Co was awarded the Austrian National Innovation Prize for its successful implementation of inventive capacity and in 2011 received the Best Open Innovator Award of the Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen as the top SME in the D-A-CH region.*