



MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS to take over AXANTIS

Public purchase offer successful

EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, Domat/Ems (EMS) is set to acquire AXANTIS HOLDING AG, Riedholz (AXANTIS).

In response to the public purchase offer with its 31 January 2001 deadline issued by EMS to the AXANTIS shareholders on 6 December 2000 for CHF 330 per share, a total of 814'802 shares had been tendered by the close of the specified offer period. EMS thus disposes of 76.2 % of all outstanding shares. This figure does not include the 140'028 shares that are owned by AXANTIS itself.

EMS therefore declares, based on the offer prospectus, that the public offer has been successful. The official interim result of the public purchase offer will be published on 6 February 2001, and the purchase offer is to be extended by an additional period from 6 to 19 February 2001, following which the final result will be on hand.