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Share split at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, to be effective at the end of June

- **As a result of the share split, stock listing and security holdings will be changed on June 30 in a ratio of 1:2**
- **Shares in securities accounts will be automatically converted**
- **Unexecuted orders and limits expire after June 27**

Darmstadt, Germany, June 20 – Subsequent to the approval by the Annual General Meeting of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany on May 9, 2014 of a 1:2 share split, as of Monday, June 30, 2014, the listing of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, shares (ISIN: DE0006599905, WKN: 659990) on the regulated market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Prime Standard) will be changed.

The no-par-value shares with a pro rata amount of the share capital of € 2.60 will each be divided into two shares with a pro rata amount of the share capital of € 1.30 a piece. The price of a share will thereby be mathematically halved, with each shareholder then owning twice as many shares as before. Therefore, the share capital will not change.

Shares that are held in a securities account (collective securities accounts and possibly individual accounts), will be automatically converted; their owners do not need to take any action. Stock exchange orders that have not yet been executed, for example buy and sell limit orders, will expire after June 27, 2014 and need to be reissued.



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The owners of paper share certificates (effective share certificates) will be asked to contact their financial institution.

The objective of the share split is to make Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, shares more attractive to all private investors. Thanks to the consistent implementation of the “Fit for 2018” transformation and growth program, the Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, share price has doubled over the past three years and has remained at well over € 100 for one year now.

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About Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany

Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany, is a leading company for innovative and top-quality high-tech products in the pharmaceutical and chemical sectors. Its subsidiaries in Canada and the United States operate under the umbrella brand EMD. Around 38,000 employees work in 66 countries to improve the quality of life for patients, to further the success of customers and to help meet global challenges. The company generated total revenues of € 11.1 billion in 2013 with its four divisions: Biopharmaceuticals, Consumer Health, Performance Materials and Life Science Tools. Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany, is the world's oldest pharmaceutical



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and chemical company – since 1668, the name has stood for innovation, business success and responsible entrepreneurship. Holding an approximately 70 percent interest, the founding family remains the majority owner of the company to this day.