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The capital increase of K+S Aktiengesellschaft, the subscription period of which terminated yesterday, was positively received by the shareholders of the company. "We see this as a clear demonstration of the confidence that our shareholders and the capital market have in the strategy and future of K+S", explains Norbert Steiner, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors.

Within the framework of the capital increase, 26.4 million new ordinary bearer shares with no-par value, each such share representing a notional value of EUR 1.00 of the share capital, and carrying full dividend rights as of January 1, 2009 were issued against cash contributions. The consortium of banks consisting of Deutsche Bank AG, Morgan Stanley Bank AG and other banks had underwritten the new shares at the subscription price of EUR 26.00 per share and offered them to the shareholders at a ratio of 25:4. The take-up ratio was 99.42%, with the remaining shares being sold on the stock exchange. From today, the new shares are being included in K+S Aktiengesellschaft's existing quotation on the Frankfurt stock exchange as well as on the regional stock exchanges of Berlin, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Hanover, Munich and Stuttgart. With the registration of the completion of the capital increase in the commercial register on 9 December 2009, the share capital of K+S Aktiengesellschaft has risen by EUR 26.4 million from EUR 165.0 million to EUR 191.4 million.

"As a result of this capital measure, we assume that we will secure our investment grade rating and, in the medium term, again move towards the goals we have set ourselves for our capital structure", says CFO Jan Peter Nonnenkamp. The gross proceeds from the issue of about EUR 689 million will primarily be used to improve the Company's equity base. The proceeds from the capital increase of the Company are intended to create the option of paying off the bank loans taken out to finance the acquisition of Morton Salt and to provide financial and strategic flexibility for additional growth in the future.

The two largest shareholders of K+S Aktiengesellschaft, MCC/EuroChem

and BASF, have fully participated in the capital increase, so that their share ratio in relation to the share capital of the company has not changed.

Experience growth The K+S Group is one of the world's leading suppliers of standard and speciality fertilizers. In the salt business, measured by production capacity, K+S, with sites in Europe as well as North and South America, is the world's leading producer. K+S offers a comprehensive range of goods and services for agriculture, industry and private consumers which provides growth opportunities in virtually every sphere of daily life. The K+S Group employs more than 15,000 people worldwide and achieved revenues of about EUR 5 billion in 2008. The K+S share - the only commodities stock on the German DAX® index - is listed on all German stock exchanges (ISIN: DE0007162000, symbol: SDF). More information about K+S is available at www.k-plus-s.com.

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