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DISCLOSURE OF SHAREHOLDING

SGS Société Générale de Surveillance Holding SA and the Disclosure office of SWX Swiss Exchange have been notified by Rentenanstalt/Swiss Life, General Guisan-Quai 40, 8022 Zürich, that its shareholding in SGS has fallen below thresholds relevant under the Swiss Exchange Act.

They have been notified by :

Mr. August von Finck, München (G)
 Mrs. Francine von Finck, München (G)
 Mrs. Maria-Theresa von Finck, München (G)
 Mr. Maximilian von Finck, Bäch (CH)
 Mr. August François von Finck, Pfäffikon (CH)
 Mr. Luitpold von Finck, Bäch (CH),

acting in concert, that they have passed the percentage threshold of 20%.

The shareholding of the von Finck Family is now as follows:

Shares	Number of shares	Voting rights	
		Number of shares	In percent
Registered	1'840'333	1'840'333	23.52

They have also been notified by Worms & Cie, 25 Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, 75008 Paris, France, that it has reached the percentage threshold of 20%

Shares	Number of shares	Voting rights	
		Number of shares	In percent
Registered	1'564'568	1'564'568	20

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