



MEYER BURGER
SWISS SOLAR SYSTEMS

Press Release
Baar, 11 April 2011

Voluntary public takeover offer for "Roth & Rau AG"

Meyer Burger acquires 11.3% of shares in Roth & Rau from previous key shareholders and announces a voluntary public takeover offer in cash for all remaining shares held by public shareholders

- Purchase of 11.3% participation from key shareholders through share purchase and share exchange contracts
- Announcement of a voluntary public takeover offer at a price of EUR 22 per share in cash, corresponding to a premium of 41.5% compared with the volume weighted average trading price of the last three months
- Expansion of the technology portfolio along the value chain in photovoltaics – closing the gap between wafering and solar modules
- Roth & Rau becomes core centre of the new technology and competence in „Cells“
- Dr Dietmar Roth proposed for election to the Board of Directors of Meyer Burger

Meyer Burger Technology Ltd [Ticker: MBTN] (and through subsidiaries, respectively) has acquired a total participation of 7.4% of the share capital of Roth & Rau AG [Ticker: R8R] through share purchase and share exchange contracts immediately and 3.9% under the condition precedent of clearance by antitrust authorities from the founders and key shareholders Dr Dietmar Roth (Chief Executive Officer), Prof Dr Silvia Roth and from Dr Bernd Rau on 10 April 2011. In conjunction with these contracts, Meyer Burger issued 840'802 new registered shares out of its authorised share capital. The first trading day of these shares at SIX Swiss Exchange is expected to be 13 April 2011.

Meyer Burger will also launch a voluntary public takeover offer to acquire all remaining non-par value bearer shares of Roth & Rau AG held by public shareholders at a price of EUR 22 per share in cash. The offer price corresponds to a premium of 41.5% compared with the volume weighted average share price of the last three months^[1]. The Executive Board and the Board of Directors of Roth & Rau support the offer by Meyer Burger.

Meyer Burger Group is one of the world's leading providers of innovative systems and production lines for photovoltaics in the solar industry, and for the semiconductor and optics industries (LED), with over 1,200 employees and net sales of CHF 826 million in fiscal year 2010. The Group already covers the most important technology processes along the entire value chain of photovoltaics (solar industry) with a focus on solar wafering and solar modules.

Roth & Rau Group is one of the world's leading suppliers of production equipment and innovative production technologies for the manufacture of solar cells with a strong focus on antireflective coating systems for crystalline silicon solar cells. The company has production sites in Hohenstein-Ernstthal and Eindhoven and employed over 1,200 people at year-end of 2010. Roth & Rau generated net sales of EUR 285 million in fiscal year 2010.

Meyer Burger Group will strengthen its offerings in the solar cell process through the planned consolidation of both companies and combines the most important technology steps within the value chain of photovoltaics from crystalline silicon to complete solar systems, mainly in the production processes of wafering, solar cells and solar modules.

Peter Pauli, Chief Executive Officer of Meyer Burger Technology Ltd, comments: "With Roth & Rau Group, we further enhance our industry solutions for photovoltaics. With joint activities in research & development, the combination of our distribution networks and through the larger offering of fully integrated system solutions we play a crucial role in further reducing the costs along the value chain in photovoltaics. This is just another step to sustainably reduce the costs of solar power and to help achieving the industry goal of grid parity as fast as possible."

Dr Dietmar Roth, Chief Executive Officer of Roth & Rau AG: "We are convinced that Meyer Burger is the ideal strategic partner for a continuous dynamic development of our Group. Shareholders, our employees, suppliers and customers as well as the entire solar industry will profit from the new combined group."

Meyer Burger will finance the voluntary public takeover offer from its existing cash position and through a syndicated bank loan.

The offer is subject to usual conditions for such transactions, in particular receipt of regulatory clearances from different antitrust authorities. The offer document will be submitted to the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (FFSA) within the upcoming four weeks and will be published following the receipt of the permission by the FFSA. The closing of the transaction is expected towards the third quarter of 2011.

Advisors to Meyer Burger Technology Ltd are meyerlustenberger, Beiten Burkhardt and Lazard.

Election to the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Meyer Burger Technology Ltd proposes to the General Meeting of Shareholders on 21 April 2011 the election of Dr Dietmar Roth as a new member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Press Conference / Conference Call:

In addition to this announcement, there will be a **press / analyst conference today, 11 April 2011, at 11:00 hours CET at the ConventionPoint of SIX Swiss Exchange**, Selnaustrasse 30, 8021 Zurich (in German).

A further conference call in English will take place at 14:30 hours CET for international analysts and investors.

The invitations to the press / analyst conference and the conference call (including dial-in numbers) will be distributed separately today.

^[1]Source: Average share price according to Bloomberg

For further information please contact:

Werner Buchholz
Head of Corporate Communications

Tel +41 (0) 33 439 05 06
w.buchholz@meyerburger.ch

Curriculum Vitae Dr Dietmar Roth

After completion of his studies of physics in the faculty of Physics and Electronic Devices of today's University of Technology Chemnitz, Dr Dietmar Roth worked in the same institute as a Ph.D. student and received the doctor's degree in 1974. From 1974 to 1990 he worked initially as a scientific assistant with various tasks in thin film and surface technology research and later as a university lecturer in engineering education in the University of Technology Chemnitz. In 1990 Dr Roth habilitated. In the same year he founded the Roth & Rau Oberflächentechnik GmbH together with his wife, Dr Silvia Roth, and Dr Bernd Rau and acted as its business manager up to 2001. With the change of the legal form into Roth & Rau AG, Dr Roth has become the CEO of the company.

Besides his function as the CEO of Roth & Rau AG, Dr Roth acts as a member of the board of trustees of the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE) in Freiburg and as member of the advisory committee of the AiF Arbeitsgemeinschaft industrieller Forschungsvereinigungen "Otto von Guericke" e.V. (German Federation of Industrial Research Federations).

About Meyer Burger Technology Ltd

www.meyerburger.com

Meyer Burger is one of the world's leading providers of innovative systems and production lines for photovoltaics in the solar industry, and for the semiconductor and optics industries. Highly efficient wafers made from silicon, sapphire or other crystals are required in these three markets to manufacture solar modules, switching circuits or high-performance LEDs. The group's core competences encompass a broad range of machines, production processes and systems that are used for the production of high quality wafers, for the inspection and measurement of solar cells, for laminating, soldering and testing of solar modules and for building-integrated solar systems. Meyer Burger Group covers the most important technology steps in the value chain of photovoltaics with its products and solutions portfolio. The Group's comprehensive range of products includes a worldwide service network with wear and tear parts, consumables, re-grooving services, process know-how, servicing, after-sales service, training and other services. As a globally active company, the Group is represented in Europe, Asia and North America in the respective key markets and has over 1,200 employees as of year-end 2010.

Meyer Burger has its headquarters and the production facility of MB Wafertec (Meyer Burger Ltd) in Switzerland, while the group companies, Meyer Burger Automation GmbH, Hennecke Systems GmbH and AMB Apparate + Maschinenbau GmbH have their headquarters and production facilities in Germany. Diamond Materials Tech, Inc. has its headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO, USA. The production facilities of 3S Modultec, 3S Photovoltaics and Pasan are also located in Switzerland, while Somont is located in Germany. Meyer Burger Group has also subsidiaries and own service centres in Germany, Norway, Spain, USA, China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and India. In other important markets, the company relies on selected independent agents. The registered shares of Meyer Burger Technology Ltd are listed on SIX Swiss Exchange (Ticker: MBTN).

About Roth & Rau AG

www.roth-rau.com

Roth & Rau AG, based in Hohenstein-Ernstthal, has been one of the world's leading suppliers of production equipment and innovative production technologies for the photovoltaics industry for more than 10 years. In its photovoltaics segment, Roth & Rau focuses on providing antireflective coating systems and turnkey production lines for use in the manufacture of crystalline silicon solar cells. Further products include thermal processing systems also used in the manufacture of crystalline silicon solar cells, as well as coating systems and turnkey production lines for the manufacture of thin film solar modules. Roth & Rau MicroSystems, a subsidiary located in the Wüstenbrand district, develops and produces process systems for plasma and ion beam enhanced thin film and surface processing methods tailored to customers' specific needs. The customers served by this division particularly include companies in the semiconductor industry, R&D departments in various other industrial sectors, research institutes and universities. The portfolio of the Roth & Rau Group is supplemented by software products in the field of systems management, production monitoring and maintenance and service offerings. Roth & Rau Group employed over 1,200 people as of year-end 2010 and has subsidiaries in Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA, China, India, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia. The bearer shares are listed at the German Stock Exchange (Ticker: R8R).

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT BEING ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SHOULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO U.S. PERSONS OR PUBLICATIONS WITH A GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR INVITATION TO SUBSCRIBE FOR, EXCHANGE OR PURCHASE ANY SECURITIES. IN ADDITION, THE SECURITIES OF MEYER BURGER TECHNOLOGY LTD HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO U.S. PERSONS ABSENT REGISTRATION UNDER OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES LAWS.

This announcement is for information purposes only and constitutes neither an offer to purchase or sell, nor a solicitation of an offer to purchase or sell, shares in Meyer Burger Technology Ltd and/or Roth & Rau Ltd. The final conditions and further provisions regarding the takeover offer mentioned in this announcement will be set forth in the offer document after the publication has been permitted by the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority.

This announcement may contain "forward-looking statements" relating to Meyer Burger Technology Ltd and/or Roth & Rau Ltd., such as guidance, expectations, plans, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. The reader is cautioned that actual future results may differ from those expressed in or implied by the statements, which constitute projections of possible developments. All forward-looking statements included in this announcement are based on data available to Meyer Burger Technology Ltd as of the date that this announcement is published. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this announcement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.