

Press Release

ALTANA successfully places €150 million German Schuldschein

Wesel, March 7, 2012 – The specialty chemicals Group ALTANA has successfully issued a German Schuldschein with a volume of €150 million. The transaction was placed with about 100 banks, savings banks and institutional investors, and was four times oversubscribed. In view of the strong demand the loan amount was raised from €100 million to a total of €150 million within the framework of the securing process. The Schuldschein is divided into two tranches, with a maturity of four and six years.

ALTANA has issued a Schuldschein for the first time. It strengthens the company's long-term financing capacities and will be used to partially refinance a syndicated credit line of €400 million which, for the most part, will expire in the spring of 2013. Furthermore, the transaction enables the company to diversify its financing instruments and helps safeguard ALTANA's flexibility for further growth.

Both tranches are partially furnished with a variable interest and partially with a fixed interest rate. Due to the great level of interest in this transaction, the interest rate was set at the lower end of the marketing range. The fixed-interest rate is set at an average of 2.78 % per year. The issue was arranged by the two accompanying banks HSBC Trinkaus and Landesbank Baden-Württemberg.

ALTANA AG's Annual Press Conference will take place on March 21, 2012. The Management Board will report in detail on the company's annual financial statements at 11 a.m. (local time, CET) in the headquarters of ALTANA in Wesel.

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About ALTANA:

ALTANA develops and produces high-quality, innovative products in the specialty chemicals business. The ALTANA Group, with headquarters in Wesel/Germany, is a genuine "global player" with about 85% of its sales generated by international activities. The ALTANA Group has four divisions: **BYK** Additives & Instruments, **ECKART** Effect Pigments, **ELANTAS** Electrical Insulation, and **ACTEGA** Coatings & Sealants. All of these divisions occupy a leading position in their target markets with respect to quality, product solution expertise, innovation and service.

ALTANA offers innovative, environmentally compatible solutions with the matching specialty products for coating manufacturers, paint and plastics processors, the printing and cosmetic industries, and the electrical and electronics industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins and varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments.

At present, the ALTANA Group has 42 production facilities and 48 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the group about 5,300 people work to ensure the success of ALTANA worldwide. In 2010, ALTANA achieved sales of more than 1.5 billion euros. Its impressive earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA one of the most successful and innovative chemical groups worldwide.

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