

Finale closing of the Creathor Venture Fund III at €80m

Bad Homburg, October 5th, 2012 - Creathor Venture, one of the leading Venture Capital firms in Germany, announces the successful closing of Creathor Venture Fund III at €80 million.

„We are excited that we have reached our target volume (about 30% higher than the previous fund) - even without active fundraising. The decisive factors for the increase in commitments were the already realized capital gains in the first portfolio companies of Creathor Venture Fund III and the extraordinary positive results of the previous fund. The investors and management (committed since 2011) are impressed by the performance and therefore were motivated to increase their signings significantly. New investors, however, have not been addressed actively“, explains Dr. Gert Köhler, CEO of Creathor Venture.

The investment focus remains on outstanding high-tech companies with an innovative business concept for high growth technology markets such as mobile, social media, cloud, cleantech and life science. The regional focus is Europe, especially Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland and northern Europe. From early stage to exit Creathor Venture usually holds the lead investor position in its portfolio companies with a significant ownership of approximately 30% on average. The companies will be managed actively.

Investors include family offices, funds of funds, entrepreneurs, and the European Investment Fund (EIF). The high personal financial commitment from the fund management of € 18 million in Creathor Venture Fund III emphasizes the high confidence and entrepreneurial orientation.

About Creathor Venture

Creathor Venture currently manages funds worth over EUR 180 million and invests in technology-oriented companies and entrepreneurs in the fields of IT, telecommunication, media, new materials, electronics and nanotechnology, cleantech und life science. The management of Creathor Venture includes the founder of former Technologieholding VC, Dr. Gert Köhler as well as Ingo Franz, Cédric Köhler and Karlheinz Schmelig. The team has more than 20 years experience in early-stage venture capital. Since then, more than 200 technology companies have been funded, more than 20 companies have been led towards IPO on international markets and many companies have been sold successfully. Outstanding fund returns for investors could be achieved.

In current fund „Creathor Venture III“ the investors include the European Union, through the funds from the "Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme" (CIP), and the "ERP EIF fund of funds" and the LfA – Gesellschaft für Vermögensverwaltung mbH, both facilities of the European Investment Fund ("EIF"), fund of funds, family offices and entrepreneurs. As the largest investor of Creathor, the management underlines its entrepreneurial orientation.

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