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## **The Offeror acquires shares in DPA**

### **Houten, 26 March 2021 – The Offeror announces that it conducted transactions in DPA shares**

Reference is made to the joint press release by DPA and the Offeror dated 1 March 2021 in respect of the conditional agreement on a recommended all-cash public offer for all the issued and outstanding ordinary shares in the capital of DPA (the "Shares") at an offer price of EUR 1.70 (cum dividend) (the "Offer").

The Offeror is currently owned by certain funds managed and/or advised by Gilde. The Offeror will upon settlement of the Offer be (indirectly) controlled by Gilde, TBL Investments B.V. ("TBL") and a foundation or other entity to be incorporated for the purpose of the envisaged (indirect) participation of certain DPA management members in the Offeror. TBL currently holds 3,725,000 Shares.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Decree, the Offeror announces that it conducted transactions in Shares and/or securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for such shares, the details of which are stated below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction type</b>	<b>Total number of Shares</b>	<b>Type of Shares</b>	<b>Volume weighted average price (EUR)</b>
<b>26 March 2021</b>	Purchase	88,180	Ordinary	1.6998

The highest price per Share paid in a transaction conducted today was EUR 1.70 per Share. Based on the transactions set out above, the Offeror acquired a total of 88,180 Shares today, representing approximately 0.2% of the issued and outstanding share capital of DPA. TBL did not acquire any Shares today. Together with the Shares already held by the Offeror and TBL prior to today, the Offeror and TBL now jointly hold 4,266,622 Shares, representing approximately 9.1% of the of the issued and outstanding share capital of DPA on the date hereof.

### **Other**

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulation, the Offeror and its affiliates may from time to time after the date hereof, and other than pursuant to the intended offer, directly or indirectly purchase, or arrange to purchase, shares in the capital of DPA, that are the subject of the Offer. To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in the

Netherlands, such information will be disclosed by means of a press release to inform shareholders of such information, which will be made available on the website of Gilde. In addition, financial advisors to Gilde may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of DPA, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities.

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