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## **Update on intended all-cash public offer by New Horizons Holding B.V. for all DPA shares**

**Houten/Bussum, the Netherlands – 25 March 2021**

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 (the "Offer") for the Shares at an offer price of EUR 1.70 (cum dividend).

DPA and the Offeror hereby provide a joint update on the Offer in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, paragraph 1 sub a of the Decree which require a public announcement including a status update regarding an intended public offer within four weeks following its announcement.

DPA and the Offeror confirm that they are making good progress on the preparations for the Offer. The Offeror intends to submit a request for review and approval of the offer memorandum in relation to the Offer to the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*) this week.

In addition, the required competition clearances are received. DPA and the Offeror anticipate that closing of the Offer will be in Q2/Q3 2021, based on the required steps and subject to the necessary approvals.

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