

Ad hoc announcement pursuant to section 15 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG)

Squeeze-out procedure of ALTANA AG: Squeeze-out resolution entered in the Commercial Register

**Wesel, August 27, 2010** – The resolution adopted by the Annual General Meeting of ALTANA AG (security code number 760080, ISIN DE0007600801) on June 30, 2010, regarding the transfer of shares from ALTANA AG's minority shareholders to the company's majority shareholder SKion GmbH pursuant to sections 327a ff. of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) has been entered in the Commercial Register of the company on August 27, 2010. With the entry of the transfer resolution in the Commercial Register, all the shares held by the minority shareholders have been transferred to SKion GmbH by act of law in return for a cash compensation of €15.01 per share.

Consequently, the stock exchange listing of the ALTANA shares is expected to be discontinued soon. Any stock market trading which takes place until then will only be trading of the minority shareholders' entitlements to cash compensation.

With the registration of the transfer resolution in the Commercial Register, the former shareholders of ALTANA who had accepted the voluntary public purchase offer of November 6, 2009, are entitled to payment of an improvement amount as stated in the offer documents.

All details concerning the payment of the fixed cash compensation as well as of the improvement amount will be published separately by SKion GmbH.

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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 84% 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 manufactures, paint and plastic processors, the printing and cosmetic industries, and the electrical and electronic industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins & varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments.

At present, the ALTANA Group has 35 production facilities and 47 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the group 4,800 people work to ensure the success of ALTANA worldwide. In 2009 ALTANA achieved sales of about 1.2 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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