



## Press release

# PORR counts on growth and starts capital increase

- Capital increase with a volume of up to approx. EUR 120m by issuing up to 10,183,250 new shares
- Proceeds from the capital increase to be used for strengthening of the balance sheet structure and as basis for growth
- „Green and Lean“ strategy enables potential for value enhancement
- After consolidation again on success track - started transformation with already visible results
- Positive outlook for 2021 confirmed

Vienna, 14.10.2021 PORR, Austria's second-largest construction company with around 20,000 staff, is among the leaders in the construction industry on its seven home markets. A strong first half and order books filled with high-quality orders has led to another confirmation of the guidance for the 2021 business year. At the same time, PORR is ready to embrace new opportunities in a market experiencing ongoing high demand.

“We have an incredibly dynamic and strong half-year behind us”, said Karl-Heinz Strauss, PORR CEO. “We are again delivering on our commitment and reigniting the growth engine. All signals are pointing in the right direction”.

### Strong basis for growth

A record high in the order backlog and a booming construction industry - PORR has optimally positioned itself to be able to exploit emerging opportunities as effectively as possible. What's more, the top order backlog of EUR 7,848m confirms the company's integrated approach of being a “one-stop shop”.

“In addition to the acquisition of multiple lots on the Vienna underground railway extension, we also have received the contract to build the Limberg III pumped-storage power plant in Kaprun and the order for two sections of the North-South S19 link in Poland”, said Karl-Heinz Strauss. “And it is precisely for this purpose, and for further growth projects, that we are strengthening our capital base”.

### ESG pioneer in the construction sector

With the clear focus on its sustainable corporate strategy “Green and Lean”, PORR is powerfully positioned for the prevailing megatrends like sustainability, mobility, digitalisation and urbanisation. And this has been recognised by analysts and rating agencies alike. In July 2021, PORR was awarded C+ and Prime Status by the ISS ESG ratings agency,



making it the most sustainable construction company on its home markets. EcoVadis has also rated PORR best in class with its Gold status.

### **Positive outlook confirmed**

The company assumes that demand for construction services will grow even higher in the future. In light of the positive business performance, the Executive Board continues to forecast an EBT margin of 1.3% to 1.5% with full-year production of output of EUR 5.3 to EUR 5.5 bn, despite the fine imposed by the Federal Competition Authority. The capital increase and the earnings forecast would lead the equity ratio to climb to over 20% already in 2021 and thereby bring PORR within the target range of 20% to 25% specified in the PORR 2025 objectives. From 2025, the Executive Board confirms a target EBT margin of around 3%.

### **Capital increase for the strengthening of the balance sheet structure and as basis for growth**

PORR will start on Wednesday, 20 October 2021, a public rights offering for up to 10,183,250 new shares which will be issued from authorised capital against cash contribution. The rights offering will end presumably on 3 November 2021. The existing shares of PORR will be traded "ex-subscription rights" as of 18 October 2021. The subscription ratio is 17 : 6. Trading of the subscription rights (ISIN AT0000A2TS59) on the Vienna Stock Exchange will start on 20 October 2021 and end on (including) 28 October 2021. The subscription price has been set at EUR 12.00 per new share. In case all new shares are issued, this will correspond to gross issue proceeds of EUR 122,199,000.

### **Substantial participation of the core shareholders**

The core shareholders of PORR, IGO-Industries Group and Strauss Group, have committed in advance vis-à-vis PORR and the syndicate banks, to subscribe for 4,166,676 new shares in the course of the rights offering and at the same time to waive subscriptions rights for 9,168 new shares in order to enable the subscription ratio.

After the end of the rights offering, those new shares which were not subscribed by shareholders or the holders of subscription rights will be placed in the course of a private placement with selected investors, where the offer price in the private placement will be at least the subscription price. After the private placement, the final number of new shares will be determined which will be issued in the course of the capital increase against cash contribution. In case all new shares are fully placed, the share capital of PORR will increase to EUR 39,278,250.00, divided into 39,278,250 shares.

Trading of the new shares in the segment Prime Market of the Vienna Stock Exchange will presumably start on 8 November 2021, subject to the registration of the capital increase with the companies register. Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG as Sole Global Coordinator and Joint Bookrunner, as well as Erste Group Bank AG and Raiffeisen Bank International AG as Joint Bookrunners manage the offering. Rothschild & Co acts as financial adviser of PORR.



The press information can be found [here](#) in the PORR Newsroom. The capital increase is subject to the approval of a prospectus by the FMA for the public rights offering in Austria. The prospectus will be available [here](#) in electronic form after the approval (which is expected soon) and which will be available free of charge in printed form at the seat of PORR, Absberggasse 47, 1100 Vienna, department Group Management, during usual business hours.

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