

AD-HOC-ANNOUNCEMENT ACCORDING TO SECTION 15 WPHG

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HSH Nordbank AG postpones preparation of financial statements and group financial statements for financial year 2015

HAMBURG/KIEL HSH Nordbank AG reschedules the preparation of its financial statements and group financial statements for the financial year 2015. The decision was taken as questions affecting the Bank's balance sheet are still under discussion in the ongoing EU state aid proceedings of HSH Nordbank AG.

HSH Nordbank AG, nevertheless, expects the EU Commission to make its final decision—based on the informal agreement reached 19 October 2015—in the second quarter of 2016.

Following this announcement, a new date for the annual results press conference (previously 24 March 2016) will be communicated shortly.

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In addition to the privately placed silent participations and profit participation capital the following publicly placed instruments based on silent participations of HSH Nordbank AG are affected:

RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership Securities 7.5% EUR 500mn (ISIN DE0009842542)

RESPARCS Funding Limited Partnership I Securities 8.0% USD 300mn (ISIN XS0159207850)

HSH Nordbank Sparc Securities 7.4075% EUR 500mn (ISIN XS0142391894)

HSH Nordbank Sphere Securities 7.25% USD 500mn (ISIN XS0221141400)

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