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Meyer Burger divests its Solar Systems business to Patrick Hofer-Noser

(PresseBox) As part of the optimisation programme regarding the Thun manufacturing site and the company's product portfolio which was communicated on 2 November 2017, Meyer Burger Technology Ltd (SIX Swiss Exchange: MBTN) announced today that it will transfer its Solar Systems business ("Energy Systems") and the 32 impacted employees to 3S Solar Plus AG, a company which will be newly created and which has been sold to Dr Patrick Hofer-Noser. In the past few months Meyer Burger had evaluated various strategic options for the business which mainly addresses the Swiss market with its MegaSlate® products. The sale will result in a loss for Meyer Burger in the low single-digit million range including a goodwill recycling of around CHF 1 million. [...]

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About Meyer Burger Technology AG

Meyer Burger is a leading global technology company specialising on innovative systems and processes based on semiconductor technologies. The company's focus is on photovoltaics (solar industry) while its competencies and technologies also cover important areas of the semiconductor and the optoelectronic industries as well as other selected high-end markets based on semiconductor materials. Over the past ten years, Meyer Burger has risen to the forefront of the photovoltaic market and established itself as an international premium brand by offering superior precision products and innovative technologies.

Meyer Burger's offering in systems, production equipment and services along the photovoltaic value chain includes the manufacturing processes for wafers, solar cells, solar modules and solar systems. Meyer Burger provides substantial added value to its customers and clearly differentiates itself from its competitors by focusing on core technologies of the value chain.

The company's comprehensive product portfolio is complemented by a worldwide service network with spare parts, consumables, process know-how, customer support, after-sales services, training and other services. Meyer Burger is represented in Europe, Asia and North America in the respective key markets and has subsidiaries and own service centres in China, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Singapore, Taiwan and the USA. The company is also working intensively to develop new markets such as South America, Africa and the Arab region. The registered shares of Meyer Burger Technology Ltd are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (Ticker: MBTN).



Two markets become one – Sweden and Denmark reach agreement on harmonisation

The Swedish and Danish gas transmission network companies Swedegas and Energinet have decided to make the investments necessary to integrate the gas markets in Sweden and Denmark. This initiative will reinforce security of supply and lead to more participants entering the gas market. It is also in line with the EU's endeavour to harmonise markets within the Union.

Working closely with other gas market bodies – end-users, suppliers, system operators and regulatory authorities in both Sweden and Denmark – the conditions for joint balancing and trade have been analysed in detail during the past year.

Market integration offers several benefits:

- Improved security of supply by merging the transmission systems and as a result becoming more robust and less sensitive to variations
- More gas traders on the market means increased competition, benefitting end-users
- More effective administration.

"This development of the Swedish gas market is taking place with the end-user firmly in focus," said Johan Zettergren, Swedegas CEO. "Our ambition is to make it straightforward and attractive for industry, the transport sector and households to choose gas, including renewable alternatives."

The aim is for the joint balancing zone to be operational by April 2019. Discussions are taking place with market organisations to determine which adaptations and adjustments to IT systems and routines will be required as part of the preparatory process.