

Press release

United Internet to become largest shareholder of Tele Columbus AG

Montabaur, February 10, 2016. Via its subsidiary United Internet Ventures AG, United Internet AG today contractually secured the acquisition of a share package amounting to approx. 15.31% of shares in Tele Columbus AG, Berlin, Germany. The closing of the acquisition is subject to approval by the German anti-trust authority ("Bundeskartellamt").

If the acquisition is approved, United Internet AG would have a total indirect shareholding – together with further shares acquired in the course of today – of 25.11% in Tele Columbus AG.

United Internet believes that Tele Columbus AG is a well positioned company with attractive market opportunities.

Ralph Dommermuth, CEO of United Internet, says: "We know Tele Columbus and its CEO Ronny Verhelst and value his successful management of the company. As a strategic investor, we plan to accompany the ongoing development of Tele Columbus AG and benefit from its growth in value."

United Internet AG does not, however, currently intend to acquire an equity stake of 30% or more in Tele Columbus AG – which would oblige it to submit a mandatory bid to all other shareholders of Tele Columbus AG – nor to make a voluntary takeover bid.

About United Internet

With 15.43 million fee-based customer contracts and 32.61 million ad-financed free accounts, United Internet AG is Europe's leading internet specialist. At the heart of United Internet is a high-performance "Internet Factory" with over 8,200 employees, of which around 2,700 are engaged in product management, development and data centers. In addition to the high sales strength of its established brands (1&1, GMX, WEB.DE, united-domains, Fasthosts, Arsys, home.pl, InterNetX, Sedo, affilinet and Versatel), United Internet stands for outstanding operational excellence with around 48 million customer accounts worldwide.

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