

Declaration regarding the opening of a separate trading line for the purpose of buying back own equity securities

This duly signed declaration applies to the opening of a separate trading line at SIX Swiss Exchange ("SSX") for the purpose of buying back own equity securities by issuers whose equity securities are listed on an exchange recognised by the Regulatory Board¹ and which are deemed to be domiciled in Switzerland according to the Federal Act on Withholding Tax (Withholding Tax Act, WTA).

[Name of issuer] ("Issuer") confirms in accordance with Art. 17 para. 4 of the Directive Procedures Equity Securities (DPES) with this declaration that

1. **the requirement for the applicability of Art. 123 para. 4 FinMIO is met; and**
2. ☐ **the requirements pursuant to Art. 123 para. 1 FinMIO are met or;**
☐ **the corresponding provisions governing buy-backs of own equity securities applicable at the trading venue on which the equity securities are listed are met.**
3. **[name of trading participant], in its capacity as the bank commissioned by the Issuer with the execution of the buy-back of the shares, will not submit any applications for the refund of Swiss withholding tax that has been deducted from the purchase price of the shares in question, insofar as it purchases shares on behalf of the Issuer in connection with the buy-back. This confirmation does not cover business activities of [name of trading participant] that are not carried out on behalf of the Issuer but are conducted by [name of trade participant] for third parties or in its own name.**

Issuer

Place and date

[Signature(s)]

¹ All trading venues according to the "*List of recognised foreign trading venues*" are considered recognised by the Regulatory Board.