

## **Joint report**

### **of the Board of Management of Deutsche Telekom AG and the Managing Board of Plinius Telekommunikationsdienste GmbH**

pursuant to § 293a Stock Corporation Act (AktG)

on the conclusion of the  
control and profit and loss transfer agreement of March 9, 2007

between Deutsche Telekom AG and  
Plinius Telekommunikationsdienste GmbH

#### **I. General information**

The Board of Management of Deutsche Telekom AG (hereinafter referred to as "DTAG") and the Managing Board of Plinius Telekommunikationsdienste GmbH (hereinafter referred to as "subsidiary") issue the following report on the control and profit and loss transfer agreement between DTAG and the subsidiary pursuant to § 293a AktG.

#### **II. Conclusion of the control and profit and loss transfer agreement**

DTAG, represented by Dr. Karl-Gerhard Eick, Member of the Board of Management, who is authorized to represent Deutsche Telekom in conjunction with a "Prokurist" (holder of a general commercial power of attorney), and the "Prokurist" Dieter Cazzonelli, concluded a control and profit and loss agreement (hereinafter referred to as "agreement") with the subsidiary, represented by the Members of the Managing Board of Plinius Telekommunikationsdienste GmbH, Karin Simons and Mario Stein, on March 9, 2007.

The Board of Management of DTAG resolved to conclude the agreement at its meeting on February 12, 2007.

The DTAG Supervisory Board approved the conclusion of the agreement at its meeting on February 28, 2007.

The Managing Board of the subsidiary resolved to conclude the agreement on March 7, 2007.

The shareholders' meeting of the subsidiary approved the conclusion of the agreement on March 12, 2007.

The agreement shall only come into effect subject to the approval of the DTAG shareholders' meeting. The Board of Management and the Supervisory Board

of DTAG will therefore propose at the DTAG shareholders' meeting called for May 3, 2007 that the agreement be approved.

Pursuant to § 294 (2) AktG, the agreement will not take effect until its existence has been entered in the commercial register responsible for the subsidiary's registered office.

### **III. Parties to the control and profit and loss transfer agreement**

#### **1. Deutsche Telekom AG**

DTAG, with its registered office in Bonn and entered in the commercial register of the Bonn District Court under HRB 6794, is a publicly listed company and the parent company of the Deutsche Telekom Group. DTAG's financial year is the calendar year.

Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation, the object of the enterprise is activity in all areas of telecommunications, information technology, multimedia, information and entertainment, as well as security services and any services connected to these areas, and also in related areas in Germany and abroad. DTAG is entitled to enter into all other transactions and take all other measures deemed appropriate to serve the object of the enterprise pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation. It may also set up, acquire and participate in other undertakings of the same or similar kind in Germany and abroad, as well as run such undertakings or confine itself to the administration of its participation. It may spin off its operations wholly or partly to affiliated undertakings.

The Board of Management of DTAG consists of René Obermann (Chairman), Dr. Karl-Gerhard Eick (Deputy Chairman), Timotheus Höttges, Hamid Akhavan and Lothar Pauly. In accordance with § 7 sentence 1 of its Articles of Incorporation, DTAG is legally represented by two members of the Board of Management or by one member of the Board of Management jointly with a "Prokurist."

#### **2. The subsidiary**

The subsidiary is a limited liability company with its registered office in Bonn and is entered in the commercial register of the Bonn District Court under HRB 15243. The subsidiary was established on January 25, 2007 and entered under HRB 15243 in the commercial register of the Bonn District Court on March 1, 2007. The subsidiary's financial year is the calendar year.

Pursuant to the company shareholders' agreement, the object of the subsidiary are telecommunications services and the marketing of products within or for the Deutsche Telekom Group.

The company operates merely as a shelf company.

The sole shareholder of the subsidiary is DTAG, which directly holds a 100% interest in the subsidiary. The fully paid share capital is EUR 25,000.

The subsidiary's managing directors are Karin Simons and Mario Stein. In accordance with § 6 (1) of its Articles of Incorporation, the company is represented by two managing directors or by one managing director together with one holder of commercial power of attorney ("Prokurist").

### **3. Income situation of the subsidiary**

The subsidiary currently does not have any staff and does not engage in any operational activities. No income is generated. With a balance sheet total of EUR 27,000, the opening balance sheet contains shareholders equity of EUR 27,000.

## **IV. Legal and commercial reasons for conclusion of the control and profit and loss transfer agreement**

The conclusion of a control agreement is the best way to ensure the uniform management of the subsidiary and its integration in the Deutsche Telekom Group and, amongst other things, to facilitate Group-wide cash pooling. Under the control and profit and loss transfer agreement, the DTAG Board of Management is able, in particular, to issue instructions to the Managing Board of the subsidiary in the overriding interest of the Group and ensure that DTAG and the subsidiary conduct their operations uniformly.

**Although the subsidiary's shareholders' meeting has the power to issue instructions to the Managing Board, the extent to which the shareholders' meeting (or other body authorized in the articles of association) may issue even disadvantageous instructions to the Managing Board is not legally ensured.** Here, the control and profit and loss transfer agreement provides the necessary legal clarity and, to a large extent, also permits disadvantageous instructions. **Moreover, a formal resolution is required each time the shareholders' meeting issues any instructions. For these reasons, the authority of the shareholders' meeting to issue instructions is not as appropriate for ensuring the desired uniform management of the subsidiary as is a control agreement.**

The combined control and profit and loss transfer agreement allows DTAG to optimize the taxation situation. The conclusion and actual enforcement of an effective profit and loss transfer agreement is a prerequisite for establishing a fiscal unity status both for corporate tax as well as trade tax. Fiscal unity status for both corporate tax and trade tax purposes has the advantage that positive or negative results of a subsidiary can be simultaneously offset against positive or negative results of DTAG or another company belonging to the fiscal unity. This makes it possible to optimize the Group's tax expense. In addition, the 5% taxation otherwise payable in the case of profit distribution

(taxation in accordance with § 8b (1) and (5) of the German Corporate Income Tax Act) is avoided.

The control and profit and loss agreement has already been concluded in order to benefit from the described advantages of the control and profit and loss agreement as soon as the subsidiary starts its operational activities.

It has not yet been decided whether the subsidiary is to be used at a later date.

## **V. Explanation on the control and profit and loss transfer agreement**

A copy of the agreement is enclosed with this report. The provisions of the agreement are explained as follows.

### **1. § 1 Management**

Pursuant to § 1 of the agreement, the subsidiary places management of its company under the control of DTAG. Thus, the transfer of decision-making powers to the controlling company, which is an essential part of a control agreement, is standardized.

### **2. § 2 Right to give instructions**

§ 2 of the agreement standardizes the controlling company's authority to give instructions, which is characteristic for control agreements. Under § 2 (1) of the agreement, DTAG is entitled to give the subsidiary's management instructions regarding the management of the subsidiary. The instructions shall be given in writing or by fax, or, if they are given verbally, by telephone, by telex, or by electronic mail, they shall be confirmed immediately in writing, or by fax.

This right to give instructions shall have no effect upon the fact that the subsidiary is a legally independent company with its own executive bodies. The subsidiary's Managing Board continues to be responsible for managing the business and representing the subsidiary. This is stipulated in § 2 (1) sentence 3 of the agreement.

Instructions may also be issued – unless otherwise provided for in the agreement – pursuant to § 308 (1) sentence 2 AktG that are disadvantageous for the subsidiary as long as such instructions serve the interests of DTAG or the Deutsche Telekom Group. DTAG can thus extensively intervene and control the management of the subsidiary. There is however one exception to this provision. With reference to § 299 AktG, § 2 (2) of the agreement specifies that the authority to give instructions shall not include the amendment, maintenance or termination of the control and profit and loss transfer agreement itself.

As is the case with § 1 of the agreement, these are also customary regulations within the framework of a control agreement.

### **3. § 3 Profit transfer**

§ 3 (1) sentence 1 of the agreement standardizes the obligation to transfer the entire profit to the other party to the agreement, which is characteristic for a profit and loss transfer agreement. It obliges the subsidiary to transfer its entire profits to DTAG during the term of the agreement.

§ 3 (1) sentence 2 of the agreement sets out that, pursuant to § 301 AktG, the net income reduced by any loss carried forward from the previous year that would have occurred under the relevant commercial law without the profit transfer, less the amount to be allocated to the statutory reserves in accordance with § 300 AktG, shall be transferred.

With the consent of DTAG, the subsidiary is entitled, pursuant to § 3 (2) of the agreement, to allocate amounts from net income to retained earnings (§ 272 (3) of the German Commercial Code), except for the statutory reserves, to the extent that this is permissible under commercial law and economically justifiable based on reasonable commercial assessment. The profit to be transferred by the subsidiary would be reduced accordingly. The restriction that transfers to the aforementioned retained earnings may only be made to the extent permissible under commercial law and economically justifiable based on reasonable commercial assessment is in response to § 14 (1) no. 4 of the German Corporate Income Tax Act.

§ 3 (3) of the agreement specifies that amounts allocated to other retained earnings during the term of the agreement can be taken from other retained earnings and transferred as profit.

These are customary regulations within the framework of a profit and loss transfer agreement.

Further, the agreement expressly standardizes the date of origination and the due date for the right to transfer profit: pursuant to § 3 (1) sentence 2 of the agreement, the right to transfer profit arises at the end of the financial year and, pursuant to § 3 (1) sentence 3 of the agreement, also carries this due value date. This ensures that DTAG does not sustain a reduction in interest when profit is transferred from the subsidiary on the due date.

### **4. § 4 Loss transfer**

§ 4 (1) of the agreement requires DTAG, as the controlling company, pursuant to § 302 (1) AktG to compensate any net loss for the year otherwise arising – i.e., without any compensation of losses – during the term of the agreement unless this was offset through amounts being taken from other retained earnings to which such amounts were appropriated during the term of the agreement. This obligation to

compensate for losses is a mandatory consequence of the control and profit and loss transfer agreement.

§ 4 (2) of the agreement contains a reference to the legal provisions contained in the subsequent sections of § 302 AktG. The reference is dynamic in that it refers to the currently applicable version of the relevant legal provisions. Under current legislation, the provisions of § 302 (3) and (4) AktG are relevant:

§ 302 (3) AktG governs the subsidiary's option to waive its claim for compensation and to settlement of such a claim. The primary consequence of the reference to § 302 (3) AktG is that the subsidiary may not waive or settle any claim for compensation until three years after the date on which the registration of the cancellation or termination of the agreement in the commercial register was announced pursuant to § 10 of the German Commercial Code (HGB). The foregoing shall not apply if DTAG is unable to make payments when due and enters into composition with its creditors to avoid insolvency proceedings or if the liability for compensation is subject to an insolvency plan.

Pursuant to § 302 (4) AktG, the right to compensation for loss shall be limited to 10 years from the date on which the registration of the cancellation or termination of the agreement in the commercial register was announced pursuant to § 10 HGB.

Insofar, the provisions under § 4 are therefore customary regulations within the framework of a control and profit and loss transfer agreement.

Further, the agreement standardizes the date of origination and the due date for the right to transfer loss: pursuant to § 4 (1) sentence 2 of the agreement, the right to transfer loss arises at the end of the financial year and, pursuant to § 4 (1) sentence 3 of the agreement, also carries this due value date. This ensures that the subsidiary does not sustain a reduction in interest when loss compensation is paid by DTAG on the due date.

#### **5. § 5 Commencement, term, effective date**

In accordance with § 294 AktG, the agreement will not enter into force until its existence has been entered in the commercial register responsible for the subsidiary's registered office. This is stipulated in § 5 (1) of the agreement with respect to the provisions contained in § 1 and § 2 of the agreement (Management and Right to give instructions). This clause further specifies that the remaining provisions of the agreement shall apply retrospectively from January 1, 2007. The fiscal unity for the purposes of income tax and trade tax is thus deemed to have existed for the subsidiary's full financial year.

§ 5 (2) of the agreement specifies that the agreement can only become effective upon approval by the shareholders' meeting of DTAG and the shareholders' meeting of the subsidiary.

The agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and, pursuant to § 5 (3) may be terminated with due notice of one month with effect from the end of the year, at the end of which the fiscal unity for German corporate income tax purposes established in the agreement shall have existed for the minimum period required for taxation purposes. Under current legislation (§ 14 (1)(3) in conjunction with § 17 of the German corporation tax law (KStG)), this is the case after five years; consequently, under current legislation, the agreement cannot be duly terminated before Dec. 31, 2011. Notice of termination must be given in writing. If the agreement is not terminated, it shall be automatically extended for one further year with the same notice period.

Furthermore, under the provisions of § 5 (4) of this agreement, the parties are able to terminate the agreement for good cause in writing. This shall also be possible before the agreement may be terminated by giving due notice. Good cause is especially the sale or contribution of the subsidiary by DTAG, or the merger, split-up or liquidation of either of the two parties to the contract.

#### **6. § 6 Severability clause**

The “severability clause” contained in § 6 of the agreement guarantees the validity and enforceability of the agreement in the event that individual provisions are already invalid or not enforceable when the agreement is concluded or become invalid or non enforceable at a later date, e.g. through amendment to a law or a change in legislation.

#### **VI. Determination of adequate compensation/consideration pursuant to § 304 and § 305 AktG/examination of the control and profit and loss transfer agreement**

There was no need to determine any compensation payments or consideration in the control and profit and loss transfer agreement for the subsidiary's outside shareholders, since the subsidiary does not have any outside shareholders; DTAG directly holds a 100% interest in the subsidiary. The companies concerned therefore did not have to be valued to determine an adequate compensation and an adequate consideration. Nor, since DTAG directly holds all shares in the subsidiary, is there any need pursuant to § 293b (1) AktG to subject the control and profit and loss transfer agreement to review by independent auditors (contract auditors).

Bonn, March 14, 2007

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Board of Management

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Bonn, March 14, 2007

Plinius Telekommunikationsdienste GmbH,  
The Managing Board

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Annex: Copy of the agreement