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DEPFA Holding plc changes name to DEPFA BANK plc

Wiesbaden. 9.4.2002. DEPFA Holding plc, the new parent company of DEPFA Group, has changed its name to DEPFA BANK plc and obtained a banking licence from the Irish authorities. This is one of the last remaining key measures prior to the final split of DEPFA Group, scheduled for June 2002 when shareholders of DEPFA BANK plc will receive shares in the property bank, Aareal Bank AG, on a 1:1 basis. At this point DEPFA BANK plc will be the parent of the public finance group only and the split with Aareal Bank AG will be complete.

All details relating to the share of DEPFA BANK plc remain unchanged. The share will continue to trade on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the securities code 765 818 (ISIN IE 007 255 999 4, REUTERS RIC DEPF.DE, Bloomberg: DEP GR).