

Press Release

Eppendorf AG completes conversion to European public limited company

- **Conversion to SE ("Societas Europaea") completed**
- **No impact on current business**
- **Group headquarter remains in Hamburg, Germany**

Hamburg, October 19, 2021 – The internationally active life science company Eppendorf, headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, has completed its conversion to the European legal form Societas Europaea (SE) as of October 19, 2021. The company will operate as Eppendorf SE with immediate effect.

"We are convinced that we have taken the right step at the right time with this modern legal form, which is very common in large family-owned companies," said Eva van Pelt and Dr. Peter Fruhstorfer, Co-CEOs of Eppendorf SE. "The company's name as a European public limited company is a clear signal that even more strongly expresses Eppendorf's global corporate culture. In addition, the new legal form shows that Eppendorf is an international company and that national borders play less and less of a role for us."

The new company name as Eppendorf SE demonstrates the company's further development into a modern, progressive, and internationally active European company, the CEOs added. Also, it provides important support that will enable Eppendorf to continue its global success course even more effectively, they said.

The conversion into a Societas Europaea will not result in any changes to the company's structure. Management Board and Supervisory Board members continue to work for Eppendorf SE. Eppendorf's Group headquarters will remain in Hamburg, Germany, and the character of an independent family-owned company will be preserved.

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About Eppendorf

Eppendorf is a leading life science company that develops and sells instruments, consumables and services for liquid, sample and cell handling in laboratories worldwide. Its product range includes pipettes and automated pipetting systems, dispensers, centrifuges, mixers, spectrometers and DNA amplification equipment as well as ultra-low-temperature freezers, fermentors, bioreactors, CO2 incubators, shakers and cell manipulation systems. Consumables such as pipette tips, test tubes,

microtiter plates and single-use bioreactors complement the range of highest-quality premium products.

Eppendorf products are most broadly used in academic and commercial research laboratories, e.g., in companies from the pharmaceutical and biotechnological as well as the chemical and food industries. They are also used in laboratories that perform clinical or environmental analysis, in forensic laboratories and in industrial laboratories where process analysis, production and quality assurance are performed.

Eppendorf was founded in Hamburg, Germany in 1945 and currently has around 4,500 employees worldwide. The company has subsidiaries in 28 countries and is represented in all its other important markets by distributors.