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SAZKA Group closes the acquisition of an additional 17.19% shareholding in Casinos Austria AG

SAZKA Group a.s. (“SAZKA Group” or the “Company”, and together with its subsidiaries and associates the “Group”) announces that it has acquired the 17.19% stake in Casinos Austria AG (“CASAG”) previously held by Novomatic AG.

As announced on 10 December 2019, the Company previously reached an agreement with Novomatic AG, pursuant to which Novomatic AG agreed to sell its 17.19% stake in CASAG (the “Transaction”) to the Group.

The Transaction was completed today. As a result SAZKA Group’s shareholding in CASAG is now 55.48 %.

In connection with the Transaction, the Company has entered and drawn a new secured financing with one of its relationship banks. The facility size is €105 million and the borrower is CAME Holding GmbH.

Robert Chvatal, SAZKA Group CEO, commented: *“Together with our fellow shareholders, we are looking forward to increasing the value of Casinos Austria – a treasured national brand - for the benefit of customers, employees, and most importantly of all, Austrian society.”*

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