

EP Global Commerce GmbH
with corporate seat in Grünwald, Germany

**Announcement pursuant to Section 23 para. 2 of the
German Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act
(Wertpapiererwerbs- und Übernahmegesetz – WpÜG)**

On 1 October 2020, EP Global Commerce GmbH (the "**Bidder**") published the offer document for its voluntary public takeover offer to the shareholders of METRO AG, Düsseldorf, Germany, regarding the acquisition of all non-par value ordinary bearer shares in METRO AG (ISIN DE000BFB0019) (the "**METRO Ordinary Shares**") not directly held by the Bidder against a cash consideration of EUR 8.48 per METRO Ordinary Share and of all non-par value non-voting preferred bearer shares in METRO AG (ISIN DE000BFB0027) (the "**METRO Preference Shares**") not directly held by the Bidder against a cash consideration of EUR 8.89 per METRO Preference Share. The acceptance period for the takeover offer ends on 29 October 2020, 24:00 hours (Frankfurt am Main local time) unless extended pursuant the provisions of the WpÜG.

On 5 October 2020, and hence after the publication of the offer document and prior to the lapse of one year following the publication pursuant to Section 23 para. 1 sentence 1 no. 2 WpÜG, EP Global Commerce a.s. (corporate seat: Prague, Czech Republic; commercial register of the Municipal Court of Prague, Czech Republic, division B, docket 21517, identification number 05006350), in its capacity as sole shareholder of the Bidder, resolved to contribute all shares in the Bidder as contribution into the free capital reserves of its subsidiary EP Global Commerce III GmbH (corporate seat: Grünwald, Germany; commercial register of the local court of Munich, Germany, HRB 246647) without consideration, and, on the same day, in order to fulfil said resolution, transferred all shares in the Bidder to EP Global Commerce III GmbH with immediate effect. Immediately thereafter, EP Global Commerce III GmbH, in its capacity as new sole shareholder of the Bidder, then resolved to contribute all shares in the Bidder as contribution into the free capital reserves of its subsidiary EP Global Commerce IV GmbH (corporate seat: Grünwald, Germany; commercial register of the local court of Munich, Germany, HRB 247010) without consideration, and, on the same day, in order to fulfil said resolution, transferred all shares in the Bidder to EP Global Commerce IV GmbH with immediate effect. Immediately thereafter, EP Global Commerce IV GmbH, in its capacity as new sole shareholder of the Bidder, finally resolved to contribute all shares in the Bidder as contribution into the free capital reserves of its subsidiary EP Global Commerce VII GmbH (corporate seat: Grünwald, Germany; commercial register of the local court of Munich, Germany, HRB 258787) without consideration, and, also on the same day, in order to fulfil said resolution, transferred all shares in the Bidder to EP Global Commerce VII GmbH with immediate effect. Consequently, the Bidder is now a subsidiary of EP Global Commerce VII GmbH.

By virtue of these respective transfers of the shares in the Bidder, on 5 October 2020, each of EP Global Commerce III GmbH, EP Global Commerce IV GmbH, and EP Global Commerce VII GmbH, all of whom persons acting jointly with the Bidder pursuant to Section 2 para. 5 sentence 1 and 3 WpÜG, indirectly acquired the 108,036,519 METRO Ordinary Shares and 267,796 METRO Preference Shares already directly held by the Bidder. Regarding the METRO Ordinary Shares, this corresponds to approximately 29.99% of all outstanding METRO Ordinary Shares and voting rights attached thereto as well as to approximately 29.75% of the share capital of METRO AG. Regarding the METRO Preference Shares, this corresponds to approximately 9.0% of all outstanding METRO Preference Shares as well as to approximately 0.07% of the share capital of METRO AG. These respective indirect acquisitions were made without consideration for the respective contribution and transfer of shares in the Bidder having been made without consideration.

Grünwald, 6 October 2020

EP Global Commerce GmbH