

## Events after the Reporting Date

On July 1, 2014, Penguin Random House completed its full acquisition of the publishing group Santillana Ediciones Generales from the Spanish media company Prisa, announced in March 2014. The acquisition of Santillana's book business in Brazil, also announced in this context, is to be formally completed by the end of September 2014. The acquired publishing group will be merged with the activities of Penguin Random House in Spain, Portugal and Latin America, greatly enhancing growth potential, in particular in Latin America. The transaction will be accounted for as a business combination in accordance with IFRS 3. The consideration transferred totaled €56 million and was fully paid in cash. As a result of the early stage of the preliminary purchase price allocation, it is not possible to provide any quantitative or

any other information required by IFRS 3 on the acquisition of the publishing group.

On July 31, 2014, RTL Group announced its acquisition of a 65 percent stake in SpotXchange, a leading programmatic video advertising platform. RTL Group's initial investment amounts to €108 million. The parties have agreed on an earn-out component which could increase the initial consideration depending on the future performance of SpotXchange. RTL Group also has an option to acquire the remaining shareholding in the future. The transaction is subject to US competition authority approval and is expected to close by the end of August 2014. The transaction will be accounted for as a business combination in the sense of IFRS 3.

# Responsibility Statement

To the best of our knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles for interim financial reporting, the interim consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Group in accordance with German accepted accounting principles, and the interim management report

of the Group includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Group, together with a description of the material opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Group for the remaining months of the financial year.

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