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## Annual General Meeting: Approval of all Agenda Items

Darmstadt, Germany, April 22, 2022 – Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, held its 27th Annual General Meeting in virtual form today.

The Annual General Meeting approved the actions of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, for fiscal 2021 and approved all of the resolutions on the agenda, including the proposed dividend of  $\in$  1.85 per share, an increase of  $\in$  0.45 over the previous year.

Within the scope of the Annual General Meeting, shareholders voted, among other things, on a change of the statutory auditor for fiscal 2023. As proposed by the Supervisory Board, Deloitte GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft was elected as statutory auditor for fiscal 2023.

Around 90.7 million shares were represented in the vote, corresponding to 70.15% of the approximately 129.2 million shares issued. The details of the voting results and further information can be found at <a href="https://www.emdgroup.com/en/investors/events-and-presentations/annual-general-meeting.html">https://www.emdgroup.com/en/investors/events-and-presentations/annual-general-meeting.html</a>.

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About Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, operates across



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healthcare, life science and electronics. Around 60,000 employees work to make a positive difference to millions of people's lives every day by creating more joyful and sustainable ways to live. From advancing gene editing technologies and discovering unique ways to treat the most challenging diseases to enabling the intelligence of devices – the company is everywhere. In 2021, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, generated sales of  $\notin$  19.7 billion in 66 countries.

The company holds the global rights to the name and trademark "Merck" internationally. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the business sectors of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, operate as EMD Serono in healthcare, MilliporeSigma in life science, and EMD Electronics in electronics. Since its founding in 1668, scientific exploration and responsible entrepreneurship have been key to the company's technological and scientific advances. To this day, the founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed company.