

**Merck Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien, Darmstadt, Germany**

**Darmstadt**

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**Dividend announcement**

The Annual General Meeting of our company on April 23, 2021 resolved to appropriate the portion of the net retained profit of Merck KGaA for fiscal 2020 attributable to the limited liability shareholders in the amount of € 207,612,532.68 as follows:

- a) Payment of a dividend of € 1.40 per no par value share of the dividend-bearing share capital as of the date of this Annual General Meeting, totaling € 180,939,152.80.
- b) Carryforward of the remaining amount of € 26,673,379.88 to new account.

The dividend will be paid on April 28, 2021, generally subject to the deduction of 25% capital gains tax, 5.5% solidarity surcharge on the capital gains tax (in total 26.375%) and, where applicable, church tax on the capital gains tax via the banks involved in the dividend settlement. The paying agent is Deutsche Bank AG.

The deduction of capital gains tax and the solidarity surcharge does not apply to shareholders who have submitted to their custodian bank a "non-assessment certificate" from the tax office responsible for them. The same applies in whole or in part to shareholders who have submitted an "exemption order" to their custodian bank, provided that the exemption amount specified in this order has not already been used up by other income from capital assets.

In accordance with existing agreements for the avoidance of double taxation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the country concerned, foreign shareholders may be able to obtain a reduction in the amount of tax withheld if the claim is asserted in good time. Corresponding applications must be sent to the Federal Central Tax Office. Shareholders are recommended to seek advice on the tax treatment of the dividend.

**Darmstadt, Germany, April 2021**

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***Company management***