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## The Offeror acquires shares in DPA

### Houten, 24 May 2021 – The Offeror announces that it conducted transactions in DPA shares

Reference is made to the joint press release by DPA and the Offeror dated 1 March 2021 in respect of the conditional agreement on a recommended all-cash public offer for all the issued and outstanding ordinary shares in the capital of DPA (the "Shares") at an offer price of EUR 1.70 (cum dividend) (the "Offer").

The Offeror is currently owned by certain funds managed and/or advised by Gilde. The Offeror will upon settlement of the Offer be (indirectly) controlled by Gilde, TBL Investments B.V. ("TBL") and a foundation or other entity to be incorporated for the purpose of the envisaged (indirect) participation of certain DPA management members in the Offeror.

TBL currently holds 3,725,000 Shares. Mr R.E. Strating is the sole managing director and sole shareholder of TBL. Indirectly via TBL, Gestion N.V. ("Gestion") and Juridisch Eigenaar Gestion Actief Beheer Fonds B.V. ("GABF"), Mr R.E. Strating is deemed to hold 6,388,422 Shares for the purpose of the Dutch public offer rules.<sup>1</sup> Each of TBL, Gestion and GABF has agreed to an irrevocable undertaking to support and accept the Offer and to tender all Shares held by them under the terms and conditions set out in an irrevocable undertaking.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Decree, the Offeror announces that it conducted transactions in Shares and/or securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for such shares, the details of which are stated below.

Date	Transaction type	Total number of Shares	Type of Shares	Volume weighted average price (EUR)
24 May 2021	Purchase	52,504	Ordinary	1.6950

<sup>1</sup> GABF holds 2,063,369 Shares in its capacity as custodian of Gestion Actief Beheer Fonds. Pursuant to Section 5:45 paragraph 7 of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), any securities (*effecten*) owned by a custodian (*bewaarder*) of a fund as well as the voting rights attached to such securities are deemed to be held by the investment manager of the fund. Consequently, the Shares owned by Gestion Actief Beheer Fonds as well as the voting rights attached to the Shares are deemed to be held by its investment manager Gestion. Gestion is indirectly wholly owned by Mr. R.E. Strating.

The highest price per Share paid in a transaction conducted today was EUR 1.695 per Share. Based on the transactions set out above, the Offeror acquired a total of 52,504 Shares today, representing approximately 0.11% of the issued and outstanding share capital of DPA. TBL, Mr R.E. Strating, Gestion and GABF did not acquire any Shares today. Together with the Shares already held by the Offeror, TBL and Mr R.E. Strating (via Gestion and GABF) prior to today, the Offeror, TBL and Mr R.E. Strating (via Gestion and GABF) now jointly hold 11,600,039 Shares, representing approximately 24.7% of the issued and outstanding share capital of DPA on the date hereof.

### **Other**

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulation, the Offeror and its affiliates may from time to time after the date hereof, and other than pursuant to the intended offer, directly or indirectly purchase, or arrange to purchase, shares in the capital of DPA, that are the subject of the Offer. To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in the Netherlands, such information will be disclosed by means of a press release to inform shareholders of such information, which will be made available on the website of Gilde. In addition, financial advisors to Gilde may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of DPA, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities.

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