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Clariant in the Media: Correction Published

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Following an article on Clariant's intended merger with Huntsman which included false statements, Swiss newspaper Handelszeitung was obliged to publish a correction. Read on to learn the facts and how Clariant set the record straight.

31 July 2017

In an article published on July 13, 2017 (not available online), the Swiss newspaper Handelszeitung reported on Clariant's intention to join forces with Huntsman in a merger of equals. Since this report, written in a sensationalist style, included false statements, the newspaper was obliged to publish a correction in the latest printed issue on July 20, 2017.

The following false statements were corrected:

- *Print media editorial offices are offered pre-written articles for use free of charge*
This is incorrect: Clariant has at no time offered an article for publication to any print media. It is Clariant's policy not to do this.
- *Among those who oppose the merger are Anglo-Saxon Clariant investors such as Cymbria, BlackRock, EdgePoint and Citadel.*
This is incorrect: In fact, we are pleased that many of Clariant's large investors have indicated that they expect to support the planned merger.

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The article contained further inaccurate statements that underline how carelessly the facts for the article were investigated and that require factual rectification:

- *Acquisitions failed. Now he [Hariolf Kottmann] is betting on the merger with Huntsman.*
This is incorrect. Every one of the acquisitions announced since Hariolf Kottmann became CEO well over 20 in total has been successfully closed, among these the integration of Sued-Chemie.

 - *Who will pay taxes and where has also not been communicated.*
This is incorrect. We have communicated that Clariant, which is intended to be renamed HuntsmanClariant following the merger and will continue to operate as the top holding company of the merged Clariant and Huntsman businesses, will continue to pay taxes on capital and earnings in Switzerland. HuntsmanClariant will remain domiciled in Muttenz, Switzerland, for tax purposes. Tax revenues in Switzerland will therefore continue. As usual in transactions like the planned merger, at this stage, we cannot answer all questions around future tax payments in a conclusive manner; we will inform the public in due course about our plans.
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- *Hariolf Kottmann has been getting Clariant into shape since 2012*

This is incorrect. Hariolf Kottmann took office as CEO of Clariant in 2008. He successfully led the transformation of Clariant into a focused and high-performing specialty chemicals company. The planned merger with Huntsman will be another important step in increasing long-term value for all stakeholders.

Clariant is confident that the newspaper will hold to its advertising promise: Handelszeitung wants to provide readers with orientation and order in their thinking .

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC

*In connection with the contemplated transaction, Clariant intends to file a registration statement on Form F-4 with the SEC that will include the Proxy Statement/Prospectus of Huntsman. The Proxy Statement/Prospectus will also be sent or given to Huntsman stockholders and will contain important information about the contemplated transaction. **INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CLARIANT, HUNTSMAN, THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS.** Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Clariant and Huntsman through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

Huntsman and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Huntsman investors and shareholders in connection with the contemplated transaction. Information about Huntsman's directors and executive officers is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. These documents may be obtained for free at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the contemplated transactions will be included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus that Huntsman intends to file with the SEC.
