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Trading Update



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Brill makes a satisfactory start in 2019

Brill's Q1 revenues were in line with management expectations across all product lines and showed satisfactory organic growth versus the first quarter of 2018. Costs developed as planned, including savings realized as a result of the profit improvement plan launched last year.

In Q1 Brill made progress in expanding its journal portfolio with the takeover of *Contributions to Zoology*, *Simone de Beauvoir Studies*, the classical philology journal *AION*, and the *Australian Year Book of International Law*. Two new open access book series were launched in cooperation with the Swiss National Fund and the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History. In February, the German imprint Ferdinand Schöningh saw the release of *Lexikon für Kirchen- und Religionsrecht*, its first reference work published online on Brill's platform.

This early in the year Brill does not issue a concrete outlook for the year end results.

As announced earlier Brill intends to appoint Jasmin Lange as statutory director as of 16 May 2019. Jasmin Lange joined Brill in 2010 and serves on the Executive Committee as Chief Publishing Officer since January 2018.

The AGM will take place on Thursday 16 May (2.00 PM) at the premises of the company in Leiden, The Netherlands. The Supervisory Board will propose to re-appoint Robin Hoytema van Konijnenburg for another term of 4 years as member of the Supervisory Board. In addition the Supervisory Board will propose to the AGM to appoint Theo van der Raadt as fourth member of the Supervisory Board. Theo van der Raadt is currently chairman of the supervisory board at ICT Group N.V. and Shared Stories Group and has served as CEO and CFO at Royal Ahrend N.V. and Nutreco Holding N.V.

During the AGM, an all-cash dividend of EUR 0.85 will be proposed to shareholders. Record date will be 21 May 2019 and dividend payment date will be 22 May 2019.

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