Commerzbank AG invites its shareholders to the regular Annual General Meeting at Messehalle 11 (Portalhaus) in Frankfurt/Main, to be held on Wednesday, 20 April 2016. The agenda includes among other things the presentation of the consolidated and individual financial statements for 2015 (item 1), ratification of the actions by the corporate bodies (items 3 and 4), and the election of the auditor (items 5 and 6).

The following additional items on the agenda should be emphasised:

Resolution on the use of the profit shown in the balance sheet (item 2)
The Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board propose that the distributable profits reported in the annual financial statements for the fiscal year 2015 totalling approximately €846.7 million be used for the payment of a dividend of €0.20 per share which is eligible for payment of a dividend (in total approximately €250.5 million). The remaining amount of approximately €596 million shall be allocated to other revenue reserves.

Compensation for the Supervisory Board (item 7)
The current provision on the compensation of the Supervisory Board of Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft provides for variable compensation depending on the distribution of a dividend for the respective fiscal year, in addition to the fixed annual compensation.

The compensation for the Supervisory Board is supposed to be changed to a purely fixed compensation in the future. This is intended to reflect the development of the German Corporate Governance Code. Commerzbank is also of the opinion that fixed compensation is better suited for taking into account the monitoring function of the Supervisory Board that must be fulfilled independent of the success of the business. Furthermore, the amount of the compensation is supposed to be adjusted to the increased level of responsibility and the large amount of effort involved in the office.

Therefore, the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board accordingly propose the amendment of the Articles of Association.
Shareholders, who have registered by the end of 13 April 2016 at the latest, are entitled to participate in the Annual General Meeting and exercise their right to vote. Excerpts of Commerzbank’s Annual General Meeting can be followed live on the internet on 20 April 2016 from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Access will be provided at www.commerzbank.com/agm.

The complete text of the invitation to the 2016 Annual General Meeting, including the agenda and the explanatory notes to the individual items, can also be found at www.commerzbank.com/agm.

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