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### **Public mandatory takeover offer pursuant to §§ 22 ff ÜbG (takeover act) of WAB Group to shareholders of BWT Aktiengesellschaft**

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Mondsee, September 14th, 2012. Pursuant to § 5 Abs 3 Übernahmegesetz ("ÜbG", takeover act), WAB Privatstiftung is disclosing that it has gained a controlling interest of BWT Aktiengesellschaft ("BWT") on September 13th, 2012, together with FIBA Beteiligungs- und Anlage GmbH and other parties acting in concert according to § 1 Z 6 ÜbG (together: "WAB Group"). WAB Privatstiftung is a private trust controlled by Mr. Andreas Weißenbacher within the meaning of the ÜbG.

Following the acquisition of 3,600 shares of BWT by FIBA Beteiligungs- und Anlage GmbH, the WAB Group is holding a total of 5,029,510 BWT shares (roughly 28.20% of the share capital) therefore reaching more than 30% of voting rights of all permanent voting rights.

Pursuant to § 22 Abs 1 ÜbG the WAB Group is obliged to make a mandatory takeover bid for all no-par bearer shares of BWT (ISIN AT0000737705) according to the stipulations of the ÜbG.

Aquivest GmbH, an indirect subsidiary of FIBA Beteiligungs- und Anlage GmbH, will presumably act as bidder and register within the legally required deadline of 20 stock exchange trading days with the takeover commission. The price of the offer will be EUR 16.00 per BWT share. As soon as the final details of the

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mandatory offer are fixed, the WAG Group will disclose them in line with the legal regulations unless the takeover commission is prohibiting the announcement of the bid.

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The Best Water Technology Group was formed in 1990 and is today Europe's leading water technology company. The goal of our 2,700 employees is to provide private, industrial, business, hotel and municipal customers with innovative, economical and ecological technologies that deliver maximum safety, hygiene and health in their daily contact with water, the elixir of life. BWT offers state-of-the-art water treatment technologies and services for drinking water, pharma water, process water, heating water, boiler water, cooling water and water for air-conditioning systems as well as swimming pool water. Employees in Research & Development work on new processes and materials using state-of-the-art methods to target the development of ecological and at the same time economical products. Thereby the reduction of energy consumption of products and the consequent minimisation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is a key issue. For more information please visit [www.bwt-group.com](http://www.bwt-group.com).