



### **Press Release**

A syndicate of lenders arranged by pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank and Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking provides a € 475 million facility to the newly established sponsor Prime Office AG

Munich/Frankfurt/Paris, 24 February 2014 – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank and Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking (SG CIB) have jointly arranged a € 475 million senior debt facility to refinance a Prime Office AG owned German commercial real estate portfolio, known as "Herkules".

The facility and hedging was jointly underwritten by NATIXIS Pfandbriefbank AG, pbb, Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking and a European debt investor brought by SG CIB. pbb is also acting as facility and security agent of this transaction. It closed on 20 February 2014.

Prime Office AG was created by merging Prime Office REIT-AG and German Acorn Real Estate GmbH ("German Acorn") into OCM German Real Estate Holding AG ("OCM AG") in January 2014. OCM AG was then renamed into Prime Office AG.

The commercial real estate portfolio, which predominantly consists of office properties, comprises 37 properties in 21 German cities with a highly diversified multi-tenant base. The properties are spread over several federal states with a lettable space of approx. 420,000 sqm and are mainly located in the metropolitan areas of Germany. Top locations are Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Hamburg and Cologne.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

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In real estate financing, pbb's range of services is targeted at professional national and international real estate investors such as real estate companies, institutional investors, real estate funds as well as SMEs and customers with a regional focus in Germany. The focus is on the less volatile real estate types, including offices, retail properties, apartments and logistics. pbb focuses on medium to large-scale financing arrangements, and offers its customers local expertise and international know-how.

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With around 22,000 employees, Natixis has a number of areas of expertise which are organized in three main business lines: Wholesale Banking, Investment Solutions and Specialized Financial Services.

A global player, Natixis has its own client base of companies, financial institutions and institutional investors as well as the client base of individuals, professionals and small and medium-size businesses of Groupe BPCE's two retail banking networks.

Listed on the Paris stock exchange, it has a solid financial base with a CET1 capital under Basel 3 <sup>(1)</sup> of €11.9 billion, a Basel 3 CET1 Ratio<sup>(1)</sup> of 9.9% and quality long-term ratings (Standard & Poor's: A / Moody's: A2 / Fitch Ratings: A).

(1) Basel 3 impact will depend on final rules – Fully-loaded except on DTAs

Figures as at September 30, 2013







### **NATIXIS Pfandbriefbank AG**

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## On Prime Office AG

Prime Office AG is a leading office property platform with a focus on German metropolitan regions and conurbations. At present, the geographically diversified commercial real estate portfolio contains 58 properties with a total rentable space of about 970,000 square metres and an attractive and broad tenant base. According to a valuation performed by CB Richard Ellis as at 30 September 2013, the properties had a total market value of about EUR 1.9 billion. The property sales in the fourth quarter of 2013 are already reflected in this number.