

General Terms and Conditions for the 'Aktionärsforum' *[Shareholder Forum] in the Bundesanzeiger [German Federal Gazette]*

Details about the form and content of posts are addressed in the Directive Concerning the Aktionärsforum under Section 127a, Para. 5 of the Stock Corporation Act (Verordnung über das Aktionärsforum nach § 127a Abs. 5 des Aktiengesetzes, AktFoV)

Description

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Exclusion/limitation of liability to posters and users

Liability of the Bundesanzeiger and the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

a) Liability for posts published in the Shareholder Forum

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- (4) Liability of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection as publisher of the Bundesanzeiger for posts published in the Aktionärsforum is precluded, regardless of legal basis.

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