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## Siemens plans to delist its ADRs from NYSE

- Delisting due to change in the behavior of investors
- Transparency and first class corporate governance continue to be priority
- Financial Reporting should be simplified
- CFO Ralf P. Thomas: "Our commitment to the US and the importance of this market remains unchanged for Siemens."

Siemens AG is planning to delist its American Depositary Receipts (ADR) from the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). In addition Siemens intends to terminate its reporting obligations (deregistration) to the American Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Managing Board has made this decision in its meeting on January 27th, 2014.

The goal of the delisting and deregistration is to address the change in the behavior of its investors. As a consequence processes of financial reporting are simplified and efficiency is improved. The trading of Siemens shares is nowadays conducted predominantly in Germany and via electronic trading platforms ('over-the-counter'). Trading volume of Siemens shares in the USA is low, amounting to significantly less than 5% of its global trading volume in the year 2013.

Independent from the delisting the high standards of transparency in the financial reporting and the first class corporate governance will continue to be top priority at Siemens. Ralf P. Thomas, Chief Financial Officer of Siemens stated: "Our internationally oriented shareholder base continues to be a very high priority for Siemens. But Frankfurt and the electronic trading platforms over-the-counter are clearly the most important trading venues for our shares, including our US investors. Our commitment for the US and the importance of this market remains unchanged. In addition to a reduction of our trading venues, we expect the delisting to result in a

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significant increase of efficiency and a reduction of complexity in our financial reporting".

Siemens intends to apply for the delisting shortly. Siemens will, irrespective of the delisting, continue to intensively engage in an open and direct dialogue with its US investors. Siemens plans to continue its American Depositary Receipt Program on the basis of a so-called "sponsored Level I-Program". This program allows for investors to continue holding Siemens shares in the form of ADR. Once Siemens has delisted from the NYSE, Siemens will apply for deregistration with the SEC and for termination of its reporting obligations under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The delisting will have no effect on the strategic orientation or the presence in the US. Fifteen percent of the Siemens employees are working there. In fiscal 2013 revenue in USA accounted for around one fifth of the worldwide revenue. Siemens operates more than 100 manufacturing and more than 60 Research & Development sites in the US.

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