Press release

SUSE S.A. sets final offer price for IPO at €30 per share

- Final offer price for initial public offering (“IPO”) at €30 per share
- Total offer volume of approximately €1.1 billion, assuming full exercise of the Greenshoe Option
- The Selling Shareholder has decided not to make use of an available Upsize Option, despite a significant oversubscription of the orderbook across the price range
- Final offer price implies a market capitalization of €5 billion
- Funds managed and advised by Capital Research Global Investors and GIC Private Limited have agreed to purchase offer shares with an aggregate value of €0.34 billion at the offer price
- Expected free float of 24.3%, based on the total offer size
- First day of trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange expected for 19 May 2021

Nuremberg, 17 May 2021 – SUSE S.A. (the “Company” or “SUSE”), an independent leader in open source software, specializing in Linux enterprise operating systems, container management and storage, as well as Edge software solutions, and its owner Marcel LUX III SARL (“the Selling Shareholder”), a company indirectly owned by funds advised by EQT AB Group, has set the final offer price for its IPO at €30 per share. The total offer size (which assumes full exercise of the Greenshoe Option) amounts to approximately €1.1 billion and implies a total market capitalization of €5 billion, in each case based on the final offer price. Upon completion of the offering the expected free float will amount to 24.3%, based on the total offer size.

Melissa Di Donato, CEO of SUSE, said: “The IPO is an important strategic milestone for SUSE. Not only does it give us long-term financial and strategic flexibility, but it also allows us to continue to control our own destiny in the pursuit of organic and inorganic growth. I am thrilled about the opportunities we have ahead and the value we can create for our customers, our employees, and our shareholders. Therefore, I have decided to invest more than 80% of my net proceeds, which have been disclosed in the prospectus, in the IPO. I am excited to continue leading SUSE to realize its long-term potential, while also supporting the Company as a significant shareholder.”

Johannes Reichel, Partner at EQT Partners, said: “We’re delighted by the investor response to the offering, which is a testament to SUSE’s differentiated position and long-term potential. SUSE is uniquely positioned to benefit as global digitalisation gathers pace. We look
forward to continuing to work with Melissa and her entire team to further accelerate SUSE’s growth over the coming years and would like to thank the entire SUSE team for the hard work to date."

The total offer amounts to 37.3 million shares, assuming full exercise of the Greenshoe Option. 18.3 million newly issued shares were placed reaching gross primary proceeds of approximately €0.5 billion. In addition, 14.2 million existing shares were placed from the holdings of the Selling Shareholder reaching gross secondary proceeds of approximately €0.4 billion. A Greenshoe Option for up to 4.8 million existing shares has been granted from the holdings of the Selling Shareholder. The Selling Shareholder has decided not to make use of an available Upsize Option, despite a significant oversubscription across the price range.

As part of the Offering, two Cornerstone Investors, funds managed and advised by Capital Research Global Investors and GIC Private Limited, will acquire shares with a combined aggregate value of €0.34 billion at the offer price. SUSE S.A. and the Selling Shareholder have agreed to a customary lock-up period of 180 days and participants of equity participation programs and a virtual stock option program are subject to a customary lock-up period of 12 months with regards to shares and options received under such programs, each following the first day of trading of the Company’s shares on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

Trading in the Company’s shares on the regulated market (Prime Standard) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange is expected to commence on 19 May 2021 under the trading symbol SUSE and the ISIN LU2333210958.

BofA Securities and Morgan Stanley are acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners, with Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Jefferies and J.P. Morgan supporting the transaction as Joint Bookrunners.

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In connection with such stabilization measures, investors may be allocated additional shares of the Company of up to 15% of the sum of the final number of placed base shares to be offered in the IPO (the “Over-Allotment Shares”). The Selling Shareholder has granted the Stabilization Manager, acting for the account of the underwriters, an option to acquire a number of shares in the Company equal to the number of Over-Allotment Shares at the offer price, less agreed commissions (so-called greenshoe option). To the extent Over-Allotment Shares were allocated to investors in the Offering, the Stabilization Manager, acting for the account of the underwriters, is entitled to exercise this option during the Stabilization Period.