

## Press Release

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### **Fresenius not submitting a new takeover offer for RHÖN-KLINIKUM AG**

Fresenius has decided not to submit a new takeover offer to the shareholders of RHÖN-KLINIKUM AG for the time being.

In recent weeks, Fresenius tried to find solutions to meet the strategic and financial targets of combining RHÖN-KLINIKUM AG and HELIOS with an equity stake in RHÖN-KLINIKUM AG of less than 90%. Unfortunately, there was no viable way to achieve this goal.

Ulf Mark Schneider, CEO of Fresenius, said: "A combination of RHÖN-KLINIKUM AG and HELIOS was the first-ever opportunity to build a country-wide integrated health care network. We regret that our public offer was blocked without providing a constructive alternative. All our investments must add value, with manageable risks. After thorough analysis, we have therefore reached the conclusion that a new offer cannot be justified. HELIOS' prospects are outstanding and it is well positioned to expand its leading position in the German hospital market."

Fresenius currently has a stake of 5% minus one share in RHÖN-KLINIKUM AG and plans to slightly increase its shareholding. This position will preserve the company's strategic options in the consolidating German hospital market.

## Telephone Conference

A telephone conference will be held at 2 p.m. CEDT on Monday, September 3, 2012. You are cordially invited to follow the conference call in a live broadcast via the Internet at [www.fresenius.com](http://www.fresenius.com), see Press, Audio/Video Service. Following the call, a replay will be available on our website.

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Fresenius is a health care group with international operations, providing products and services for dialysis, hospital and outpatient medical care. In 2011, Group sales were €16.5 billion. On June 30, 2012, the Fresenius Group had 161,685 employees worldwide.

For more information visit the company's website at [www.fresenius.com](http://www.fresenius.com).

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