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JDC GROUP announces ICO to build Germany's largest crypto-community

- Transformation of insurance business by use of blockchain technology

- Token Generating Event/Initial Coin Offering (ICO) in the second quarter 2018

- JDC-utility token "Blocx" (BCX) benefitting customers, partners, IFAs, community members

- Large customer base may potentially lead to largest ICO and crypto community in Germany / DACH-region

- Whitepaper and ICO facts on www.jdctoken.io

This evening, January 31st, JDC Group (ISIN: DE000A0B9N37; Bloomberg: A8A. GR), the publicly traded company in Frankfurt, published its whitepaper confirming plans by its Liechtenstein based B-LAB to use Blockchain technology for developing client-centric financial and insurance products to make it easier for private clients and businesses to choose individualized services.

As stated on its homepage www.jdctoken.io, the announcement includes plans for a Token Generating Event/Initial Coin Offering (ICO) in the second quarter 2018. ICO has recently become a new source of funding for companies, primarily startups, issuing tokens based on blockchain technology.

"It's time that an established business in Germany explores this vehicle to transform and innovate for the benefit of its customers. By issuing our JDC Blocx token (BCX) with an added utility, we are instantly able to build the largest crypto-community in Germany. Adding value to existing and new customers, to our partners, IFAs as well as all investors," says Stefan Bachmann, JDC Group Chief Digital Officer and Co-Initiator of JDC B-LAB.

"In contrast to recent ICO-issuers, JDC already has 1.2 million customers, 16.000 IFAs and more than 700 interfaces to relevant insurance and investment companies and banks. The company has €4.5 billion assets under administration and sells €1.4 billion in new business per year," adds Dr. Sebastian Grabmaier, CEO of JDC Group. "JDC is uniquely positioned to build a decentralized platform honoring its clients and partner's data and trust. Our latest steps in digitization present a perfect setup for offering customized financial products to our clients, a user-friendly crypto-wallet as well as loyalty programs on our Blocx Blockchain Network (B2N)."

JDC Group expects to reward its clients, consultants and agents with Blox for business facilitated through the Group subsidiaries. The benefit for clients becomes clear: With the decentralized platform based on blockchain technology, individual customer data turns into "smart data". By using such anonymous data, product partners of the JDC Group can develop novel insurance products. Customers will also be rewarded with Blox for participating in the B2N community. JDC Group is thus doing the opposite of Google, Amazon & Co. when it comes to data: Customer data is not used to make money, but customers are given true value for their data.

“As an established, market leading business with well-known partners, we have to set up a profound process compliant with regulation and solid “know your customer” - procedure when raising funds for the ICO and issuing tokens to customers, IFAs, investors“, says Stefan Bachmann, who joined the JDC Board leaving Google last year. In the last months, we have seen ICOs with a volume of more than €50 million based on a few prototypes, some ideas and a non-existing user base. If established companies are stepping into the ICO market, volumes of more than Euro 100 million are soon to be seen.”

For transforming its business towards the blockchain, structuring the whitepaper and developing the JDC token, JDC B-LAB is advised by Cryptology Asset Group.

Further information on JDC Group AG are available at www.jdcgroup.de.

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