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## **Autoneum signs new 150 million CHF syndicated loan – subordinated shareholder loans repaid and principal shareholders released from lock-up agreement**

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Autoneum has signed a new 150 million CHF revolving loan maturing on December 31, 2019, with a syndicate of ten banks. The loan agreement replaces the existing long-term credit facilities agreement of 130 million CHF, which expires on December 31, 2014, thus further optimizing the maturity structure of Autoneum's long-term financings. The significantly improved earnings since the listing and the stronger balance sheet are reflected in the favorable new lending conditions.

In connection with the conclusion of the new loan agreement, the subordinated shareholder loans worth a total of 25 million CHF that were granted by the principal shareholders Michael Pieper and Peter Spuhler on the occasion of Autoneum's going public in May 2011 were also repaid. As a consequence, the principal shareholders are also released from the obligation not to reduce their stake in Autoneum Holding AG to less than ten percent each (lock-up agreement).

Autoneum CEO Martin Hirzel emphasized: "The conclusion of this new loan agreement and the repayment of the subordinated shareholder loans ahead of schedule show that the improvement in Autoneum's operating and financial performance since the going public has been recognized by the market. This loan agreement lays the financial foundations for future growth and further operational improvements."

Michael Pieper added: "The termination of the lock-up agreement will have no impact on the long-term focus of my commitment to Autoneum." Peter Spuhler stressed: "The discontinuation of the lock-up agreement is evidence of the financial stability the company has achieved. The stakes in Autoneum and Rieter via my privately held company PCS Holding AG are long-term strategic investments."

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**About Autoneum**

Autoneum, with its headquarters in Winterthur, Switzerland, is the globally leading producer of vehicle acoustics and thermal management systems. The company develops and manufactures components, modules and complete systems for interior and engine bay as well as heatshields and underbody shields. Customers include leading automobile producers in the key markets of Europe, North America, South America and Asia. Autoneum is represented at over 45 locations in around 20 countries and employs some 9,600 people worldwide, of whom about 5% are in Switzerland. The company is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (ticker symbol AUTN).

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