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Elkem – Update on status of bookbuilding

Oslo, 16 March 2018. Further to the announcements regarding the publication of the prospectus and commencement of the bookbuilding period and application period on 12 March 2018 and the announcement published earlier today, Elkem the has been informed that the Managers in the IPO now have received orders such that the full offering size (including the over-allotment option) is oversubscribed within the indicative price range of NOK 29.00 - 35.00 per Offer Share.

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About Elkem

Founded in 1904, Elkem is one of the world's leading suppliers of silicon-based advanced materials with operations throughout the entire value chain from quartz to specialty silicones, as well as attractive market positions in specialty ferrosilicon alloys and carbon materials. Headquartered in Oslo, the company's 27 production sites (including a plant under construction) and extensive network of sales offices and agents around the world ensure proximity to customers and access to attractive end markets. Elkem's over 6,000 skilled employees and significant R&D activities provide a solid basis for further technology-driven growth and optimization. Helge Aasen has been the CEO since 2009.

About Bluestar

Bluestar is a leading company in the new chemical materials, basic chemical engineering, animal nutrition and environmental science sectors. It is a subsidiary of China National Chemical Corporation, a state-owned company that is one of China's leading chemical companies.

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The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Offering.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the Shares.

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