

Elkem ASA – Expiry of bookbuilding/application period

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Oslo, 21 March 2018. Elkem ASA ("Elkem" or the "Company" with OSE ticker code: "ELK"). Reference is made to the announcements regarding the launch on the initial public offering of shares of Elkem (the "IPO" or the "Offering") on 12 March 2018.

The application period for the retail offering expires at 12:00 (CET) today and the bookbuilding period for the institutional offering expires at 14:00 (CET) today.

Application for offer shares in the retail offering may be made by using the retail application form attached to the prospectus dated 9 March 2018 (the "Prospectus") prepared in connection with the Offering. All applications in the retail offering must be received by 12:00 (CET) today. Applicants in the retail offering who reside in Norway and has a Norwegian personal identification number are recommended to apply for offer shares through the VPS online application system by following the link to such online application system on the following websites: www.elkem.com, www.abgsc.no, www.carnegie.no and www.nordea.no/elkem.

Application for offer shares in the institutional offering must be made by informing one of the Managers (as defined below) of the number of offer shares that the investor wants to order, and the price per share that the investor is offering to pay for such offer shares by 14:00 (CET) today.

The terms and conditions for the Offering are set out in the Prospectus. The Prospectus is, subject to regulatory restrictions in certain jurisdictions, available at www.elkem.com, www.abgsc.no, www.carnegie.no and www.nordea.no/elkem. Copies of the Prospectus can only be distributed to individuals who are eligible to participate in the Offering. Hard copies of the Prospectus may be obtained free of charge at Elkem's offices at Drammensveien 169, N-0277 Oslo, Norway, or by contacting one of the Managers (as defined below).

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Advokatfirmaet Thommessen AS and Linklaters LLP are acting as legal counsels to Elkem and Bluestar Elkem International Co., Ltd. S.A. ("Bluestar"). Advokatfirmaet Schjødt AS and Shearman & Sterling (London) LLP are acting as legal counsels to the Managers.

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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 Managers and their affiliates are acting exclusively for the Company and no-one else in connection with the intended offering. They will not regard any other person as their respective clients in relation to the intended offering and will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to their respective clients, nor for providing advice in relation to the intended offering, the contents of this announcement or any transaction, arrangement or other matter referred to herein.

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Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("MiFID II"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "MiFID II Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the Shares have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that they each are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the "Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of the Shares may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the Shares offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the Shares is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. Conversely, an investment in the Shares is not compatible with investors looking for full capital protection or full repayment of the amount invested or having no risk tolerance, or investors requiring a fully guaranteed income or fully predictable return profile.

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.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own Target Market Assessment in respect of the Shares and determining appropriate distribution channels.

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