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Nyrstar: Acquisition of own shares

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Nyrstar NV announces information on the acquisition of own shares, as required by article 207 of the Royal Decree dated 30 January 2001 executing the Belgian Company Code.

Nyrstar announces today that during the period from 12 May until 20 May 2011 it has acquired 713,862 own shares on NYSE Euronext Brussels.

Date of acquisition	Number of shares	Average Price (EUR)	Highest Price	Lowest Price	Total (EUR)
12 May 2011	139,112	9.5776	9.68	9.52	1,332,359
13 May 2011	72,245	9.6169	9.73	9.53	694,773
16 May 2011	100,000	9.5603	9.69	9.45	956,030
17 May 2011	125,256	9.4619	9.60	9.35	1,185,160
18 May 2011	81,229	9.3992	9.54	9.35	763,488
19 May 2011	97,186	9.3613	9.50	9.31	909,787
20 May 2011	98,834	9.3667	9.47	9.30	925,748

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The board of director's authorisation to acquire own shares was renewed at the Extraordinary General Meeting dated 26 May 2009.

Further information on the above is available on the Nyrstar website.

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About Nyrstar

The partner of choice in essential resources for the development of a changing world. Nyrstar is a leading global multi-metals' business, producing significant quantities of essential resources - zinc and lead as well as other metals such as silver, gold and copper. Nyrstar is listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels under the symbol NYR. For further information visit the Nyrstar website, www.nyrstar.com.