

Nyrstar: Shareholder Notification

Regulated Information

31 August 2011

Nyrstar announced today that it received on 29 August 2011 a notification by UBS AG of a significant shareholding in accordance with Belgian Act of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant shareholdings in issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market and containing various provisions.

UBS AG informed Nyrstar that the participation of UBS⁽¹⁾ in Nyrstar crossed the threshold of 3% of the outstanding voting rights downwards on 23 August 2011.

UBS⁽¹⁾ holds in the aggregate on 23 August 2011 4,531,613 voting rights, representing 2.67% of the total outstanding voting rights.

⁽¹⁾ directly and indirectly through UBS Global Asset Management Holding (No.2) Ltd, UBS Global Asset Management Holding Ltd, S.A., UBS Global Asset Management (UK) Ltd., UBS Fund Management (Switzerland) AG, UBS Fund Services (Luxembourg) S.A., UBS International Holding BV, UBS Holding (France) S.A., CCR Asset Management, UBS Beteiligungs- GmbH Co, UBS Global Asset Management (Deutschland) GmbH, UBS Global Asset management (Japan) Ltd, UBS Americas Inc. and UBS Global Asset management (Americas) Inc.

Further details regarding the above notification are available on the Nyrstar website:
<http://www.nyrstar.com/nyrstar/en/investors/shareholderstructure/>

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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 zinc and lead as well as other products (including 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.

About Breakwater

Breakwater is a mining, exploration and development company which produces and sells zinc, copper, lead and gold concentrates to customers around the world. The Company's concentrate production is

derived from three mines in Chile, Honduras and Canada. Breakwater is preparing the Langlois mine in Quebec, Canada for production in the first quarter of 2012.

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