

News release



Nyrstar: Shareholder Notification

Regulated Information

17 April 2012

Nyrstar announced today that it made notification 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.

As a result of the transfer of own shares to eligible participants under grant 2 of the Nyrstar Long Term Incentive Plan, Nyrstar's ownership of own shares dropped below the threshold of 5% of the outstanding shares on 16 April 2012. As at that day, Nyrstar held in the aggregate 8,103,520 shares, representing 4.77% of the total number of outstanding shares. Pursuant to Belgian law, the voting rights attached to own shares held by Nyrstar are suspended.

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

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About Nyrstar

Nyrstar is an integrated mining and metals business, with market leading positions in zinc and lead, and growing positions in other base and precious metals; essential resources that are fuelling the rapid urbanisation and industrialisation of our changing world. Nyrstar has mining, smelting, and other operations located in Europe, the Americas, China and Australia and employs over 7,000 people. Nyrstar is incorporated in Belgium and has its corporate office in Switzerland. Nyrstar is listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels under the symbol NYR. For further information please visit the Nyrstar website, www.nyrstar.com

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