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Nyrstar launches a €251.6 million 1 for 1 Rights Offering of 170,022,544 new Shares at a subscription price of €1.48 per new Share

Nyrstar NV ("Nyrstar" or the "Company") announced today the launch of a rights offering in the amount of €251,633,365.12 (the "Rights Offering" and, together with the Scrips Offering referred to below, the "Offering"), corresponding to 170,022,544 new shares (the "Shares") at a subscription price of €1.48 per new Share (the "Subscription Price"), with non-statutory preferential subscription rights for existing shareholders (the "Rights") at a ratio of one new Share for one Right.

The Offering is a part of the comprehensive strategic financing that Nyrstar announced on 1 September 2014. In addition to the Offering, the comprehensive strategic financing consists of an international offering of €350 million of 8 1/2 % rated senior unsecured notes, due 2019, to institutional investors in the high yield bond market (the "Notes Offering"), which are expected to be issued at an issue price of 98.018% on 12 September 2014, and a tender offer for Nyrstar's outstanding retail bonds (the "Tender Offer").

The aggregate proceeds of the Offering and the Notes Offering will be used for a Tender Offer for Nyrstar's outstanding retail bonds with a view to repurchasing any-and-all of its outstanding 2015 retail bonds and a portion of its outstanding 2016 retail bonds, to fund capital expenditures required for Nyrstar's continued transformation through capital projects comprising the Smelting Strategic Review (SSR) investment programme and the Port Pirie Redevelopment, to reduce net debt (towards a targeted Net Debt / EBITDA ratio of 2.5x), for transaction costs and for general corporate purposes.

The main terms of the Offering can be summarised as follows:

Rights	Each existing Share will entitle its holder to one non-statutory Right. The Rights, represented by coupon No. 7 of the existing Shares, will be separated from the underlying Shares on 11 September 2014 after the closing of the regulated market of Euronext Brussels and will be tradable on such regulated market from 12 September 2014 to 23 September 2014 under the symbol NYR7.
Ratio	1 new Share for 1 Right.
Subscription Price	€1.48 per new Share.
Rights Subscription Period	From 12 September 2014 until 16.00 CEST on 23 September 2014 inclusive (the "Rights Subscription Period"). The last date and/or time before which notification of exercise instructions may be validly given may be earlier than 23 September 2014, 16.00 CEST, depending on the financial institution through which the Rights are held and depending on the communications that will be sent by Nyrstar to its registered shareholders. Rights that have not been exercised by the end of the Rights Subscription Period will no longer be exercisable.
Scrips Subscription	The Rights that are not exercised at the end of the Rights Subscription Period, will be

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Period	<p>converted into an equal number of scrips (the "Scrips"). The Scrips will be offered and sold through an accelerated bookbuilding process (i) by way of an exempt private placement in Belgium and elsewhere outside the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, and (ii) within the United States solely to qualified institutional buyers (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act) in transactions exempt from registration under the U.S. Securities Act (the "Scrips Offering"). The Scrips Offering is expected to take place on or around 25 September 2014.</p> <p>The net proceeds, if any, of the sale of the Scrips will be divided proportionally between all holders of Rights that have not been exercised during the Rights Subscription Period, unless the net proceeds of the sale of Scrips divided by the number of unexercised Rights is less than €0.01.</p> <p>Purchasers of Scrips will have the obligation to subscribe for new Shares corresponding to the number of Scrips acquired by them in accordance with the Ratio.</p>
Announcement of the results	<p>The results of the subscription with Rights are expected to be announced via a press release on or around 25 September 2014 (before market opening). The results of the subscription with Scrips are expected to be announced via a press release on or around 25 September 2014. The results of the Offering and the amount (if any) due to holders of unexercised Rights will be published on or around 26 September 2014 in the financial press.</p>
Ranking and dividends	<p>The new Shares to be issued will have the same rights and benefits as, and shall rank <i>pari passu</i> in all respects, including as to entitlement to dividends, with, the existing and outstanding Shares at the moment of their issue and will be entitled to distributions in respect of which the relevant record date or due date falls on or after their issue date.</p>
Syndicate and Underwriting	<p>Goldman Sachs International is acting as Sole Global Coordinator for the Offering. Goldman Sachs International and KBC Securities NV (the "Joint Bookrunners") and ABN AMRO Bank N.V., BNP Paribas Fortis NV/SA and RBC Europe Limited (together with the Joint Bookrunners, the "Underwriters") have agreed to subscribe for any new Shares not taken up in the Offering, subject to the terms and conditions of an underwriting agreement.</p> <p>Funds and accounts under management being direct or indirect subsidiaries of BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock") have advised the Company that they intend to participate in the Offering. In addition, BlackRock has entered into an agreement to sub-underwrite the Rights Offering for an amount of €35 million, further demonstrating its support for the proposed Rights Offering.</p>
Admission to trading	<p>Application has been made to admit the new Shares to trading on the regulated market of Euronext Brussels under the symbol of NYR.</p>
Settlement	<p>The payment of the subscriptions with Rights is expected to take place on or around 30 September 2014 and will be done by debit of the subscriber's account with the same value date.</p> <p>The payment of the subscriptions in the Scrips Offering is expected to take place on or around 30 September 2014. The payment of the subscriptions in the Scrips Offering will be made by delivery against payment.</p> <p>Delivery of the new Shares will take place on or around 30 September 2014.</p> <p>The payment of the net proceeds of the sale of Scrips, as the case may be, is expected to occur as of 30 September 2014.</p>
Prospectus	<p>A prospectus has been approved by the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority on 10 September 2014 (the "Prospectus") and will be available in English, Dutch and French.</p> <p>Subject to certain restrictions, copies of the Prospectus will be available without charge, as from 11 September 2014, upon request in Belgium from KBC Bank on</p>

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+32 3 283 29 70, from CBC Banque on +32 800 92 020, and from BNP Paribas Fortis on +32 2 433 40 32 (French), +32 2 433 40 31 (Dutch) and +32 2 433 40 34 (English).

Subject to certain restrictions, the Prospectus may be accessed on the websites of KBC Bank (www.kbc.be/nyrstar), KBC Securities (www.kbcsecurities.be and www.bolero.be) and CBC Banque (www.cbc.be/nyrstar) and the website of BNP Paribas Fortis (www.bnpparibasfortis.be/sparenenbeleggen (Dutch or English) or www.bnpparibasfortis.be/epargneretplacer (French or English)), as well as on the website of Nyrstar (www.nyrstar.com) as from 11 September 2014.

Moreover and subject to the same restrictions, copies of the Prospectus will be available, without charge, at Zinkstraat 1, B-2490 Balen, Belgium, telephone number: +32 14 44 95 00, as from 11 September 2014.

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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 commercial operations located in Europe, the Americas, China and Australia and employs approximately 6,500 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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This communication is not a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive in relation to the Offering, an offering memorandum in relation to the Notes Offering, or a tender offer memorandum for the purposes of the Belgian Act of 1 April 2007 on public takeover bids, as amended (the "Takeover Act") in relation to the Tender Offer. A prospectus, offering memorandum and tender offer memorandum prepared and made available in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and Takeover Act, as the case may be, is or will be published, which, when published, can be obtained, amongst others, from the Company. The prospectus in relation to the Offering can be obtained as aforementioned. Investors should not subscribe for any securities referred to in this document except on the basis of information contained in the prospectus in relation to the Offering or offering memorandum in relation to the Notes Offering, and holders of the 2015 Bonds and 2016 Bonds (the "Existing Bonds") should not sell any Existing Bonds referred to in this document except on the basis of information contained in the tender offer memorandum in relation to the Tender Offer. Investors and holders of Existing Bonds may not

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