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Completion of the Rights Offering; Tender Offer on Retail Bonds has become Unconditional

In accordance with Article 15 §1 of the Belgian Act of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of major shareholdings, Nyrstar NV ("Nyrstar" or the "Company") announced today that 170,022,544 new shares have been issued on 30 September 2014 pursuant to the completion of its offering of new shares with (non-statutory) preferential subscription rights for the existing shareholders of the Company in an aggregate amount of €251,633,365.12 (the "Rights Offering").

As a result of the Rights Offering:

- Nyrstar's share capital has been increased by €17,002,254.40 to bring it from €17,002,254.40 to €34,004,508.80;
- the number of shares representing Nyrstar's share capital has been increased by 170,022,544 shares to bring it from 170,022,544 to 340,045,088 shares.

In addition to the outstanding shares, Nyrstar has outstanding convertible bonds in an aggregate principal amount of €120,000,000. The convertible bonds can be converted at any time at the current conversion price of (rounded) €3.71 per share. The conversion price can be adjusted in a number of circumstances. Based on the current (rounded) conversion price, if all remaining convertible bonds were converted, 32,345,013 new shares would be issued.

Pursuant to the completion of the Rights Offering, the voluntary conditional public tender offer in cash (the "Tender Offer") by Nyrstar Netherlands (Holdings) B.V. (the "Offeror"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, to purchase, for an aggregate principal amount of up to €320,000,000, (i) any-and-all of the €220,000,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding 5.5 per cent. fixed rate bonds issued by the Company on 9 April 2010 and due 9 April 2015 (ISIN BE6000680668), and (ii) up to an aggregate principal amount of €100,000,000, outstanding €515,000,000 5.375 per cent. fixed rate bonds issued by the Company on 11 May 2011 and due 11 May 2016 (ISIN BE6220236143), has become unconditional. For more information on the Tender Offer, please see the tender offer memorandum (the "Tender Offer Memorandum") prepared by the Offeror. The Tender Offer Memorandum has been approved by the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority on 15 September 2014 and is available in English, Dutch and French. Subject to certain restrictions, copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum are available without charge upon request in Belgium from KBC Bank on +32 78 152 153 (Dutch or English) and +32 78 152 154 (French), and from BNP Paribas Fortis on +32 2 433 41 31 (French or English) and +32 2 433 41 34 (Dutch or English). Subject to certain restrictions, the Tender Offer Memorandum may be accessed on the website of KBC Bank (www.kbc.be/nyrstar) and the website of BNP Paribas Fortis (www.bnpparibasfortis.be/emissions (Dutch or English) and www.bnpparibasfortis.be/emissions (French or English)), as well as on the website of Nyrstar (www.nyrstar.com). Moreover and subject to the same restrictions, copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum are available, without charge, at Zinkstraat 1, B-2490 Balen, Belgium, telephone number: +32 14 44 95 00.

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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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