

Regulated Information

Formal launch of mining asset sale process

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Nyrstar NV ("Nyrstar" or the "Company") today announces the formal launch of the sale process for all or the majority of its mining assets. The sale process, which was initially announced on 9 November 2015, is being led by BMO Capital Markets Limited ("BMO Capital Markets"), Lazard & Co., Limited and Lazard BVBA/SPRL (collectively "Lazard").

Nyrstar has received a number of unsolicited expressions of interest for its mining assets from various potential buyers and will seek to engage with all prospective buyers for the mining assets, individually and as a portfolio, to ensure a fair and transparent sales process.

The sale process is expected to require a period of several months and may or may not result in a sale of all or the majority of Nyrstar's mining assets. Nyrstar will issue an update in the event a sale is agreed or disclosure is otherwise required.

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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 5,500 people. Nyrstar is incorporated in Belgium and has its corporate office in Switzerland. Nyrstar is listed on Euronext Brussels under the symbol NYR. For further information please visit the Nyrstar website: www.nyrstar.com

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