

News release



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Nyrstar announces strategic hedging of zinc price

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Nyrstar NV ("Nyrstar" or the "Company") announces today that it has entered into short-term strategic hedging arrangements utilising put and call collar structures to mitigate potential down side risks with respect to the zinc price.

The protective hedges are for approximately 70% of the free metal produced by the Metals Processing segment (8,000 tonnes of zinc metal per month) from September 2016 to the end of Q1 2017. The collar structures implemented result in full exposure to a floating zinc price between USD 2,137/t and USD 2,437/t from September 2016 to the end of December 2016. For Q1 2017, the collar structure results in full exposure to a floating zinc price between USD 2,100/t and USD 2,457/t. Thereafter, Nyrstar again retains full exposure at a price above USD 2,800/t.

As previously disclosed in H1 2016, Nyrstar has entered into a series of foreign exchange options utilising put and call collar structures to hedge the Company's monthly exposure related to direct operating costs denominated in AUD and EUR. Nyrstar's management will continue to review and potentially apply strategic hedges to limit downside risks for key commodity price and foreign exchange sensitivities during the implementation of the Company's transformation and turnaround plan.

Commenting on the strategic hedging, Bill Scotting, Chief Executive Officer said:

"Nyrstar's transformation and turnaround plan, announced in November 2015, targets balance sheet strengthening and portfolio restructuring with an exit from mining and a refocus of the Company on its core Metals Processing segment and is sensitive to foreign exchange and zinc price movements. While we believe that the zinc price should continue to rise on the basis of improving supply and demand fundamentals and that the Euro should depreciate over the medium term against the US dollar, we are prudently entering into short term hedging arrangements to reduce downside risk to the Company's earnings as we execute the transformation plan."

About Nyrstar

Nyrstar is a global multi-metals business, with a market leading position in zinc and lead, and growing positions in other base and precious metals, which are 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 and Australia and employs approximately 5,000 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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