

Acquisition of own shares

On the basis of Article 207 of the Royal Decree of 30 January 2001, as amended on 26 April 2009, implementing the Belgian Companies Code, Umicore announces the following share buy-back transactions effected on the regulated market of NYSE Euronext Brussels :

Date of acquisition	Number of shares	Average price (EUR)	Highest price (EUR)	Lowest price (EUR)
05/12/2011	31,000	32.11	32.86	31.42
06/12/2011	31,000	32.47	32.77	31.90
07/12/2011	34,000	32.57	33.04	32.12
08/12/2011	38,000	31.83	32.75	31.20
09/12/2011	40,000	32.04	32.49	31.20
Total for the week	174,000	32.19	33.04	31.20
Total in 2011	2,561,648	30.03	33.86	24.60

All details related to the acquisition of own shares by Umicore can be found on:
<http://www.umicore.com/investorrelations/en/shareInformation/buyBack>

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