

Subsea 7 S.A. Share buyback

Luxembourg – May 18, 2012 - Subsea 7 S.A. (Oslo Børs: SUBC) (the "Company"). On May 16, 2012 the Company purchased 90,000 of its shares at an average price of NOK 128.38 per share. This represents approximately 0.03% of the Company's issued share capital.

The shares were purchased in accordance with the Company's share repurchase programme previously announced on March 16, 2012. The shares have been acquired on the Oslo Børs according to the authority granted by the Board.

As at May 16, 2012, Subsea 7 S.A. held indirectly 17,090,035 treasury shares representing 4.86% of the total number of issued shares. In addition, 914,000 shares were held in an employee benefit trust to support the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan and a further 1,707,985 shares were held in a separate employee benefit trust to support the restricted stock award plan. Total shares in issue, including treasury shares, were 351,793,731.

Subsea 7 S.A. is a seabed-to-surface engineering, construction and services contractor to the offshore energy industry worldwide.
We provide integrated services, and we plan, design and deliver complex projects in harsh and challenging environments.

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