

Ellomay Capital Reports Decision by the Israeli Electricity Authority to Decrease Electricity Production Tariff by Less Than 0.5%

Israeli Electricity Authority not to further revise tariffs until December 2017

Tel-Aviv, Israel, December 20, 2016 – **Ellomay Capital Ltd. (NYSE MKT; TASE: ELLO) ("Ellomay" or the "Company")**, an emerging operator in the renewable energy and energy infrastructure sector, today reported the publication by the Israeli Public Utilities Authority – Electricity (the "**Electricity Authority**") of its decision concerning the tariff updates for 2017 (the "**Decision**").

The Decision follows the previously announced scheduling of a hearing (the "**Hearing**") concerning possible changes in tariffs, including possible reductions in the electricity production tariff of approximately 8%. The electricity production tariff is used by Dorad Energy Ltd. ("**Dorad**"), in which the Company indirectly holds 9.375%, as the basis for the price charged for the electricity it provides. Based on Dorad's financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2016, Dorad expected that the previously discussed reduction would have a material adverse impact on Dorad's cash flows, its profits and on its coverage ratios and that from the beginning of 2017 it may not be able to meet the coverage ratios, specifically for distributions to its shareholders.

On December 19, 2016, following the Hearing, the Electricity Authority published the Decision in which, among other things, it determined to limit the reduction in the electricity production tariff to approximately 0.45% and it states that it will not further update the tariffs until December 2017.

Ran Fridrich, CEO and director of Ellomay commented: "We are pleased with the decision of the Electricity Authority, eliminating almost completely the proposed tariff reductions. We expect that the new tariff, which is set for at least one year, will enable Dorad to meet the financial covenants for distribution to its shareholders, including Dori Energy, in which we own 50%".

About Ellomay Capital Ltd.

Ellomay is an Israeli based company whose shares are registered with the NYSE MKT and with the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "ELLO". Since 2009, Ellomay Capital focuses its business in the energy and infrastructure sectors worldwide. Ellomay (formerly Nur Macroprinters Ltd.) previously was a supplier of wide format and super-wide format digital printing systems and related products worldwide, and sold this business to Hewlett-Packard Company during 2008 for more than \$100 million.

To date, Ellomay has evaluated numerous opportunities and invested significant funds in the renewable, clean energy and natural resources industries in Israel, Italy and Spain, including:

- Approximately 22.6MW of photovoltaic power plants in Italy and approximately 7.9MW of photovoltaic power plants in Spain;
- 9.375% indirect interest in Dorad Energy Ltd., which owns and operates one of Israel's largest private
 power plants with production capacity of approximately 850 MW, representing about 6%-8% of Israel's
 total current electricity consumption; and
- 75% of Chashgal Elyon Ltd., Agira Sheuva Electra, L.P. and Ellomay Pumped Storage (2014) Ltd., all
 of which are involved in a project to construct a 340 MW pumped storage hydro power plant in the
 Manara Cliff, Israel.

Ellomay Capital is controlled by Mr. Shlomo Nehama, Mr. Hemi Raphael and Mr. Ran Fridrich. Mr. Nehama is one of Israel's prominent businessmen and the former Chairman of Israel's leading bank, Bank Hapohalim, and Messrs. Raphael and Fridrich both have vast experience in financial and industrial businesses. These controlling

shareholders, along with Ellomay's dedicated professional management, accumulated extensive experience in recognizing suitable business opportunities worldwide. Ellomay believes the expertise of Ellomay's controlling shareholders and management enables the Company to access the capital markets, as well as assemble global institutional investors and other potential partners. As a result, we believe Ellomay is capable of considering significant and complex transactions, beyond its immediate financial resources.

For more information about Ellomay, visit http://www.ellomay.com.

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