

## Cnova N.V. Publication of 2015 U.S. Annual Report on Form 20-F & Conclusion of Internal Review at Cnova Brazil

AMSTERDAM, July 22, 2016, 07:45 CEST—Cnova N.V. (NASDAQ and Euronext Paris: CNV; ISIN: NL0010949392) (“Cnova” or the “Company”) published its U.S. annual report on Form 20-F for the financial year ended December 31, 2015, (“2015 20-F”) as filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on July 21, 2016 and registered on July 22, 2016. The Form 20-F will be available at [www.cnova.com](http://www.cnova.com) and downloadable directly from the SEC’s website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) later today. The Company will deliver free of charge a hard copy of the 2015 20-F, including its complete audited financial statements, to shareholders so requesting through its investor relations department ([investor@cnova.com](mailto:investor@cnova.com)).

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Cnova also announced today the conclusion of the internal review at its Brazilian subsidiary, Cnova Brazil. In December 2015, the Company’s board of directors engaged external counsel to assist with an internal review of suspected employee misconduct related to inventory management. The internal review was later expanded to include certain accounting issues. The commencement of the internal review was disclosed on December 18, 2015. These matters were also reported in December 2015 to the staff of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement as well as the French *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF) and the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM). The Company’s cooperation with these agencies is ongoing.

During the internal review, Cnova determined that its previously issued consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2014 (“the 2013 and 2014 financial statements”) contained certain errors and, therefore, could no longer be considered reliable. Consequently, the Company decided to restate the 2013 and 2014 financial statements and these, along with selected financial data (as applicable) and certain financial data in management’s discussion and analysis, are included in the 2015 20-F.

More information related to the circumstances and findings of the internal review can be found in the Explanatory Note on page *iv* as well as in Note 3 to the audited consolidated financial statements of the 2015 20-F.

### **Internal review impact on restated financial statements**

- During the initial stages of the internal review, certain errors in net sales, accounts receivable, accounts payable, inventory and other accounts were identified. As a result, on February 24, 2016, the Company provided a preliminary estimate of the impact of these items on its consolidated operating profit/(loss) from ordinary activities (consolidated operating EBIT) in the amount of R\$ (177) million. As an interim measure, this entire amount was recorded as a reduction of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2015 consolidated operating EBIT pending conclusion of the internal review, which would determine the final amount as well as over which accounting periods this amount should be apportioned. The final amount has been evaluated at R\$ (153.4) million.
- On April 26, 2016, the Company provided an update of the progress of the internal review. At that time, it was estimated that due to newly discovered reporting errors related to returned items-in-transit and deferred shipping costs, a further R\$ (42) million would need to be charged against consolidated operating EBIT. The final amount has been evaluated at R\$ (41.6) million.
- Also on April 26, 2016, the Company indicated that it had identified other issues related to intangible assets and deferred operating expenses but that it was unable to evaluate the impact at that time. The final amounts have been evaluated at R\$ (71.0) million and, on a cumulative basis, R\$ 0 million, respectively, for a total amount of R\$ (71.0) million at December 31, 2015.

As a result of the above, the combined impact on consolidated operating EBIT at the conclusion of the internal review has been evaluated at R\$ (265.9) million, and this amount has been apportioned to prior accounting periods as follows:

<i>R\$ in millions</i>	<b>2012 &amp; before</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Consolidated Operating EBIT	(92.3)	(24.2)	(111.1)	(38.3)	<b>(265.9)</b>

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#### **Other impacts on restated financial statements**

In addition, during and after the conclusion of the internal review, Cnova management performed a thorough review of Cnova Brazil's accounts and recorded several adjustments, some with impacts on prior years. They relate primarily to i) suppliers rebates affecting the inventory valuation, ii) fixed asset count, iii) provision for losses on accounts receivable, and iv) marketplace liabilities. The following table identifies the various impacts on the restated consolidated income statement for each period:

<i>R\$ in millions</i>	<b>2012 &amp; before</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net sales	9.0	23.2	(60.9)	28.7	-
Cost of sales	(0.2)	(2.2)	(8.4)	(28.3)	<b>(39.1)</b>
Fulfillment	-	(2.1)	(10.3)	(20.1)	<b>(32.5)</b>
G&A	-	-	2.1	-	<b>2.1</b>
Other operating costs	-	-	3.1	(20.6)	<b>(17.5)</b>
Financial expense	-	-	1.7	(3.4)	<b>(1.7)</b>
Income tax	-	-	(3.1)	-	<b>(3.1)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>(75.8)</b>	<b>(43.7)</b>	<b>(91.8)</b>

As a result of the above adjustments, the Company decided to impair R\$ 42.6 million of deferred tax assets at the end of December 2015, reducing the deferred tax assets of Cnova Brazil to R\$3.6 million at December 31, 2015.

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The cumulated impact on the balance sheet at December 31, 2015, of the above is a reduction of equity in the amount of R\$ 400.3 million.

More complete details and explanations of these accounting adjustments are provided in Note 3 to Cnova's audited consolidated financial statements and the "Risk Factors" contained in the 2015 20-F.

**About Cnova N.V.**

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In addition to historical information, this press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements may include projections regarding Cnova's future performance and, in some cases, may be identified by words like "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "future," "will," "seek" and similar terms or phrases. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are based on management's current expectations, which are subject to uncertainty, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of Cnova's control. Important factors that could cause Cnova's actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements include, among others: Cnova's ability to regain compliance with the NASDAQ Listing Rules for continued listing; the ability to grow its customer base; the ability to maintain and enhance its brands and reputation; the ability to manage the growth of Cnova effectively; changes to technologies used by Cnova; changes in global, national, regional or local economic, business, competitive, market or regulatory conditions; ongoing regulatory inquiries regarding inventory and accounting matters in Brazil; and other factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the U.S. Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 21, 2016, and registered on July 22, 2016, and other documents filed with or furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statement made in this press release speaks only as of the date hereof. Factors or events that could cause Cnova's actual results to differ from the statements contained herein may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for Cnova to predict all of them. Except as required by law, Cnova undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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