

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# Share Buyback Transaction Details January 11 – 17, 2018

January 18, 2018 – Wolters Kluwer today reports that it has repurchased 166,645 of its own ordinary shares in the period from January 11, 2018 up to and including January 17, 2018 for €7.1 million and at an average share price of €42.85.

These share repurchases are part of the three-year share buyback program (2016-2018) originally announced on February 24, 2016. This buyback program includes repurchases made to offset performance share issuance. In 2016, we completed €200 million in share buybacks under this program. In 2017, we completed €300 million of repurchases, including an additional €100 million to mitigate the EPS dilution related to two divestments completed in 2017 (Transport Services and certain UK assets). Following completion of the divestments of Corsearch and certain Swedish assets in January 2018, we now intend to execute up to €400 million in buybacks in 2018, as we deploy the proceeds of these two most recent divestments with the aim of mitigating their dilutive effect on earnings per share.

The cumulative amounts repurchased under this three-year program is now as follows:

## **Share Buyback Program 2016-2018**

Period	Cumulative shares repurchased in period	Total consideration (€ million)	Average share price (€)
2018 To Date	393,538	17.1	43.56
2017	7,768,288	300.0	38.62
2016	5,826,473	199.7	34.28
Total	13,988,299	516.9	36.95

Current repurchases are being executed under a third party mandate granted on September 26, 2017. Under this mandate, €50 million of share buybacks were completed in the period from November 2, 2017 up until December 31, 2017 and a further up to €50 million will be executed in the period from January 1, 2018 up to and including February 19, 2018.

Share repurchases are made within the limits of relevant laws and regulations, in particular Regulation (EU) 596/2014) and Wolters Kluwer's Articles of Association. Repurchased shares are added to and held as Treasury shares and will be used for capital reduction purposes or to meet obligations arising from share-based incentive plans.

Further information is available on our website:

- Download the <u>share buyback transactions excel sheet</u> for detailed individual transaction information.
- Weekly reports on the progress of our share repurchases.
- Overview of <u>share buyback programs</u>.

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Wolters Kluwer reported 2016 annual revenues of €4.3 billion. The company, headquartered in Alphen aan den Rijn, the Netherlands, serves customers in over 180 countries, maintains operations in over 40 countries, and employs 19,000 people worldwide.

Wolters Kluwer shares are listed on Euronext Amsterdam (WKL) and are included in the AEX and Euronext 100 indices. Wolters Kluwer has a sponsored Level 1 American Depositary Receipt program. The ADRs are traded on the over-the-counter market in the U.S. (WTKWY).

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