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## Boskalis – Offer update

With reference to the press release of 21 December 2012 in which Boskalis announced its decision to make an all cash voluntary public offer for all the issued and outstanding ordinary shares of Dockwise at a price of EUR 18.50 per share (the *Offer*) and to expect the offer document to be sent to Dockwise shareholders on or around 21 January 2013, Boskalis hereby confirms that the offer document will be sent to the regulators for approval early January 2013.

The Dutch Authority for Financial Markets (AFM) has decided not to grant an exemption from the Dutch offer rules, as requested by Boskalis. This means that both the Norwegian and the Dutch offer rules will be applicable to the Offer.

### Background information:

**Dockwise Ltd.**, a Bermuda incorporated Company, has a workforce of more than 1,400 people both offshore and onshore. The Company is the leading marine contractor providing total transport services to the offshore, onshore and yachting industries as well as installation services of extremely heavy offshore platforms. The Group is headquartered in Breda, the Netherlands. The Group's main commercial offices are located in the Netherlands, the United States and China with sales offices in Korea, Australia, Brazil, Russia, Singapore, Malaysia, Mexico and Nigeria. The Dockwise Yacht Transport business unit is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale and has an office in Italy. The Dockwise Shipping network is supported by agents in Norway, Argentina and Italy. To support all of its services to customers, the group also has three additional engineering centers in Houston, Breda and Shanghai and operates a fleet of 25 purpose built semisubmersible vessels (including Dockwise Vanguard, Finesse and White Marlin). Dockwise shares are listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange and on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. For further information: www.Dockwise.com

**Royal Boskalis Westminster N.V.** is a leading global services provider operating in the dredging, maritime infrastructure and maritime services sectors. The company provides creative and innovative all-round solutions to infrastructural challenges in the maritime, coastal and delta regions of the world with the construction and maintenance of ports and waterways, land reclamation, coastal defense and riverbank protection. In addition, Boskalis offers a wide variety of marine services and contracting for the offshore energy sector including subsea, transport and heavy lift (through Boskalis Offshore) and towage and salvage (through SMIT). It also has strategic partnerships in the Middle East (Archirodon) and in terminal services (Smit Lamnalco). With a versatile fleet of over 1,100 units Boskalis operates in around 75 countries across six continents. Including its share in partnerships, Boskalis has approximately 14,000 employees.

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