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bpost has decided not to pursue an offer for PostNL and continues to explore other growth opportunities

On November 30, 2016, bpost sent its final and improved proposal to PostNL. Following today's rejection by PostNL, bpost has decided not to further pursue a Combination between the two companies.

We continue to believe that this combination would present a compelling industrial rationale and constitute an opportunity to accelerate bpost's and PostNL's growth strategy, thereby creating substantial value for all their stakeholders.

When evaluating growth opportunities through mergers & acquisitions, we diligently follow strict criteria in our decision-making process. We now conclude that a combination of both companies cannot be achieved on terms that would meet these criteria.

bpost remains confident in its focused strategy and ability to deliver on its growth ambition. We will continue to carefully explore other opportunities to put our strong balance sheet at work and further accelerate our growth.

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