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**Hyderabad/Amsterdam, 18 December 2012 – With reference to the joint press release of the Offeror and OctoPlus (Euronext Amsterdam: OCTO) of 13 December 2012 relating to the Offer, the Offeror announces that it has acquired 37,460 Shares in the course of today at a volume weighed average price of EUR 0.52 per Share, a minimum price of EUR 0.52 per Share and a maximum price of EUR 0.52 per Share.**

Together with the irrevocable undertakings received from the Committed Shareholders<sup>1</sup> and certain members of the Boards, this results in the following positions:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Percentage of Shares</b>
Shares owned prior to today's acquisitions	7,679,072	14.6%
Shares acquired on 18 December 2012	37,460	0.1%
<b>Total Shares owned on 18 December 2012</b>	<b>7,716,532</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
Shares committed by Committed Shareholders	33,448,839	63.5%
<b>Total Shares owned and committed</b>	<b>41,165,371</b>	<b>78.2%</b>

<sup>1</sup> As indicated in the joint press release of 13 December 2012 and the Offer Memorandum, the irrevocable undertakings of the Committed Shareholders are subject to customary terms and conditions.

### **Company profile Dr. Reddy's**

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. (NYSE: RDY) is an integrated global pharmaceutical company, committed to providing affordable and innovative medicines for healthier lives. Over the last fiscal year the company generated revenues of over \$2.0 billion. Through its three businesses – Pharmaceutical Services and Active Ingredients, Global Generics and Proprietary Products – Dr. Reddy's offers a portfolio of products and services including APIs, custom pharmaceutical services, generics, biosimilars, differentiated formulations and NCEs. Therapeutic focus is on gastro-intestinal, cardiovascular, diabetology, oncology, pain management, anti-infective and pediatrics. Major markets include India, USA, Russia and CIS, Germany, UK, Venezuela, S. Africa, Romania, and New Zealand. For more information: [www.drreddys.com](http://www.drreddys.com).

### **Company profile OctoPlus**

OctoPlus is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and manufacture of improved injectable pharmaceuticals based on proprietary drug delivery technologies that exhibit fewer side effects, improved patient convenience and a better efficacy/safety balance than existing therapies.

OctoPlus also focuses on the development of long-acting, controlled release versions of known protein therapeutics, peptides and small molecules, including specialty generics. OctoPlus is a leading European provider of advanced drug formulation and clinical scale manufacturing services to the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, with a focus on difficult-to-formulate active pharmaceutical ingredients.

OctoPlus is listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext under the symbol OCTO. More information about OctoPlus can be found on: [www.octoplus.nl](http://www.octoplus.nl).

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The receipt of cash pursuant to the Offer by a US holder of Shares may be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable state and local, as well as foreign and other tax laws. Each holder of Shares is urged to consult his independent professional advisor immediately regarding the tax consequences of acceptance of the offer.

It may be difficult for US holders of Shares to enforce their rights and claims arising out of the US federal securities laws, since OctoPlus is located in a country other than the United States, and some or all of its officers and directors may be residents of a country other than the United States. US holders of Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of the US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment.

In accordance with normal Dutch practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Dr. Reddy's or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Shares outside of the United States, other than pursuant to the Offer, during the period in which the Offer remains open for acceptance. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any

information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the Netherlands, will be reported to the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*) and disclosed by press release.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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