

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Xeikon NV**

# Xeikon takes cognizance of proposed transaction between Punch International and Bencis

Eede, the Netherlands – 18 July 2013 – Xeikon NV ("Xeikon") takes cognizance of the press release of earlier today, in which Punch International ("Punch") and Bencis Capital Partners Belgium NV ("Bencis") announce that they have reached conditional agreement on a sale to Bencis of Punch's 65.68% share interest in Xeikon at a price per share of EUR 5.85.

If the above-mentioned sale will become unconditional and the transfer to Bencis of Punch's share interest in Xeikon will be consummated, Bencis will pursuant to the Act on Financial Supervision (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*) be obliged to make a mandatory offer for all remaining Xeikon shares (the "Offer").

The conditions precedent as set out in the agreement between Punch and Bencis, inter alia, relate to the completion of certain agreements between Xeikon and Punch - the object of which is to end existing ties between Xeikon and Punch. The Boards will give due and careful consideration to the aforementioned matter and discuss this with Bencis and Punch

Further announcements will be made if and when circumstances so require.

This announcement is made pursuant to Section 5:25i, second paragraph of the Act on Financial Supervision (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).

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### About Xeikon

Xeikon NV (XEI: AEX) is an innovator in digital printing technology. The company designs, develops and delivers web-fed digital color presses for labels and packaging applications, document printing, as well as commercial printing. These presses utilize LED-array-based dry toner electrophotography, open workflow software and application-specific toners.

As an OEM supplier, Xeikon designs and produces plate makers for newspaper offset printing applications. Xeikon also manufactures basysPrint computer-to-plate (CtP) solutions for the commercial printing market. These proven CtP systems combine the latest exposure techniques with cost-efficient UV plate technology, high imaging quality and flexibility.

For the flexographic market, Xeikon offers digital platemaking systems under the ThermoFlexX brand name. ThermoFlexX systems provide high resolution plate exposure including screening, colour management, as well as workflow management.

All the Xeikon solutions are designed with the overarching principles of profitability, quality, flexibility and sustainability in mind. With these guiding principles and a deep, intimate knowledge of its customers, Xeikon continues to be one of the industry's leading innovators of products and solutions.

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