

bpost confirms exploration of possible friendly approach to PostNL

bpost confirms that it is exploring internally a possible friendly approach to PostNL. bpost is surprised about, and regrets, the inadvertent leakage of an internal and confidential working document leading to press reports about a possible enhanced proposal to PostNL.

Since the end of the prior discussions in May this year, bpost has continued to study internally the desirability, timing and content of a possible new approach to PostNL, and still believes in the merits of a possible combination with PostNL.

These internal discussions have not yet reached the decision-making stage and have not led to a proposal for consideration by bpost's Board of Directors. Accordingly, no decision has been made as to whether to initiate a new approach to PostNL or as to the content of a revised proposal. Since the end of May, there have not been any further discussions with PostNL on the structure or terms of a possible combination.

bpost will carefully evaluate the current situation and will reconsider the timing of its decision-making. bpost will communicate to the market as soon as it is in a position to give more concrete guidance one way or the other.

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