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# Final results of the Offer for NIBC

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- During the Post Acceptance Period, 1.43% of the Shares have been tendered under the Offer.
- Including Shares already held by or irrevocably committed to the Offeror or its group companies after Settlement and any Shares to which the Offeror or its group companies is entitled, this represents a total of 97.68% of the Shares (excluding Treasury Shares).
- Settlement of the Shares tendered during the Post Acceptance Period will take place on 14 January 2021.
- Delisting to occur as soon as possible.
- The Offeror, together with its group companies, will initiate the statutory squeeze-out proceedings in order to obtain 100% of the Shares.

During the Post Acceptance Period which expired at 17:40 (CET) today, 2,096,489 Shares have been tendered under the Offer, representing approximately 1.43% of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of NIBC. Including the 140,987,055 Shares already held by or irrevocably committed to the Offeror or its group companies following Settlement and any Shares to which the Offeror or its group companies is entitled, this amounts to a total of 143,083,544 Shares, representing approximately 97.68% of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of NIBC (excluding Treasury Shares).

## Settlement Post Acceptance Period

With reference to the Offer Memorandum, holders of Shares who accepted the Offer during the Post Acceptance Period shall receive the Offer Price for each Share validly tendered (or defectively tendered provided that such defect has been waived by the Offeror) and delivered (*geleverd*) for acceptance pursuant to the Offer, under the terms and conditions of the Offer Memorandum and subject to its restrictions.



Settlement of the Shares tendered during the Post Acceptance Period and payment of the Offer Price will take place on 14 January 2021. Following settlement of the Shares tendered during the Post Acceptance Period, the Offeror or its group companies will hold 143,083,544 Shares, representing approximately 97.68% of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of NIBC (excluding Treasury Shares).

#### Delisting

The Offeror and NIBC intend to procure the delisting of the Shares on Euronext Amsterdam as soon as possible under the applicable rules.

#### **Squeeze-Out Procedure**

Since the Offeror or its group companies own more than 95% of the Shares, the Offeror together with its group companies shall, at their discretion, commence (i) a statutory buy-out procedure (*uitkoopprocedure*) in accordance with article 2:92a of the Dutch Civil Code or (ii) the takeover buy-out procedure in accordance with article 2:359c of the Dutch Civil Code acquire the remaining Shares that are not yet held by the Offeror or its group companies.

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For more information, please refer to the NIBC website <u>www.nibc.com</u>.

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