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Arctic Paper's offer for Rottneros: Statement from Arctic Paper

On 7 November 2012, Arctic Paper S.A. announced a recommended public offer (the "Offer") to acquire all outstanding shares in Rottneros AB, listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm.

The strategic rationale behind the Offer is based on sound industrial logic with the aim to create a leading integrated player on the European pulp and fine paper market, with sustainable high profitability and a strong financial position and with the overall objective to provide competitive returns for shareholders through value growth and dividend yield.

Nemus Holding AB, the largest shareholder in Arctic Paper and Rottneros, respectively, has been the largest owner in Rottneros since the formation of the current pulp focused company in the beginning of the 1990's and has since its original investment in Rottneros been a long-term and financially supporting industrial owner.

Arctic Paper has since the beginning of 2012 been in discussion with Rottneros' board of directors regarding a combination of the two companies and a clear industrial logic and synergies of SEK 80 million have been identified, of which only a minority are related to reductions of overhead and administration costs in Rottneros.

Arctic Paper believes that the Offer, giving current Rottneros shareholders 34 percent of the shares in the combined group, is generous towards Rottneros' shareholders, considering the short-term and the long-term share price as well as the relative profit generation capacity.

Arctic Paper has received questions from shareholders in Rottneros regarding Arctic Paper's intentions concerning the Offer in the event that Arctic Paper does not reach 90 percent ownership in Rottneros. In view of this, Arctic Paper makes the following statement:

- Reaching 90 percent ownership, and ultimately achieving full control of Rottneros, has significant benefits and is Arctic Paper's highest priority.
- However, it has already from the beginning been an option for Arctic Paper to complete the Offer also at a lower level of acceptance.
- Arctic Paper is considering the option to proceed with a lower than 90 percent acceptance level.
- The industrial logic in coordinating the two companies remains strong, and a majority of the synergies will be possible to achieve, also with less than 90 percent ownership.

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All information relating to the Offer is available at:

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