

## **Norddeutsche Affinerie targeting complete takeover of Cumerio**

*Offer period prolonged / acceptance up to now of 91.09 percent / first measures being implemented to integrate the two companies*

Hamburg, 20 February 2008 – Norddeutsche Affinerie AG (NA) is striving to achieve a complete takeover of the Belgian Cumerio N.V./S.A.. A total of 91.09 % of the shares had already been tendered to NA by the end of the offer period on 15 February 2008. Since the threshold of 90 % of Cumerio shares has been reached, the offer has been reopened for a further 15 working days pursuant to the terms of the offer document. This additional offer period begins on 21 February 2008 and ends on 12 March 2008. Cumerio shareholders, who have not tendered their shares to NA during the first offer period, are thus being given the opportunity again to accept the offer at the same conditions.

If NA has reached the threshold of 95 % by the end of this period, it will be immediately followed by a squeeze-out period of likewise 15 working days. The squeeze-out would therefore be completed by mid April.

After the successful outcome of the first offer period, NA and Cumerio have started forming integration teams in order to optimally prepare for the forthcoming merger of the two companies. The teams' initial main tasks will be the planning of the whole integration process and the identification of the best structures and processes in both companies. The aim is to combine the specific strengths of NA and Cumerio in the merged company. In addition, the integration teams

will be involved in identifying actual synergy potential. The merger is above all aiming at exploiting growth opportunities and achieving improved capacity utilisation at the respective production sites.

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The Prospectus, the Supplement dated 6 February 2008 and the Supplement no. 2 dated 13 February 2008, as approved by the Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission, can be requested free of charge via the ING Contact Centre by telephoning the following numbers: +32.2.464.60.04 (English), +32.2.464.60.01 (Dutch) and +32.2.464.60.02 (French). These documents are also available at the following websites: [www.ing.be](http://www.ing.be) and [www.cumerio.com](http://www.cumerio.com).

**Profile**

The NA Group is the largest copper producer in Europe and as well the largest copper recycler worldwide. It produces about 800,000 tonnes of copper and copper products annually and with about 3,300 employees is one of the leading copper producers worldwide. The core business is the production of copper cathodes from copper concentrates, copper scrap and recycling materials. These are then processed into continuous cast wire rod and shapes, rolled products and copper alloys. NA is a member of the Prime Standard Segment of the Deutsche Börse and is listed in the MDAX.

You will find more information on Norddeutsche Affinerie in the internet at <http://www.na-ag.com>.