

# Press Release



## **Norddeutsche Affinerie holds more than 95% of Cumerio shares**

*Squeeze-out of minority shareholders by mid of April / Integration teams have taken up work*

Hamburg, 13 March 2008 – After the end of the reopened tender period for the takeover of the Belgian Cumerio N.V./S.A. (Cumerio) Norddeutsche Affinerie AG (NA) holds more than 95 % of the shares. The acceptance period expired Wednesday, 12 March 2008. According to Belgian law a squeeze out period of 15 banking days will now start at short notice. The full takeover of Cumerio will thus be accomplished by mid April.

“We are right on track with the takeover of Cumerio und are delighted, that so many shareholders share our vision of a common, strong copper company. Now we will concentrate to merge both companies into a powerful unit”, Dr. Bernd Drouven, CEO of NA, said.

Integration teams, staffed by NA and Cumerio, have taken up their work. They will identify the specific strength of both companies (best practise) and will merge corporate functions. The aim is to combine the strengths of both companies and to quickly identify synergies. The new company will use its chances to grow and will be able to improve the plant utilisation at its production.

*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).*

### **Contacts:**

Michaela Hessling  
(Head of Group Communications) +49 40 7883-3053

Christine Ostriga  
(Investor Relations) +49 40 7883-3179