

Hunter Douglas - Court decision expected 30 June 2005 at 15.30 hours

Bergson and Hunter Douglas have filed briefs in the appeal brought by certain minority shareholders of Hunter Douglas of the decision by the Autoriteit Financiële Markten (AFM) not to prohibit the contemplated tender bid by Bergson for 10,500,000 common shares of Hunter Douglas before the administrative court (College van Beroep voor het bedrijfsleven). The AFM, which is the nominal defendant in the appeal, has also filed a brief defending its actions.

During yesterday's hearing the court indicated that it expects to render a decision by Thursday 30 June 2005 at 15.30 hours. For that reason Hunter Douglas intends to request suspension of the trading in its shares on 30 June 2005 from 15.00 hours onwards. Further announcements will follow once Hunter Douglas and Bergson have been informed about the decision of the administrative court.

Hunter Douglas and Bergson have been informed of the intention of the same minority shareholders to initiate summary proceedings at the Rotterdam District Court against Bergson and Hunter Douglas. The plaintiffs seek, amongst other things, enjoinder of the contemplated tender bid by Bergson.

At the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting, which will be held in Curaçao on 30 June 2005, the contemplated tender offer will be discussed. The other main agenda item is the proposed amendment of Hunter Douglas' Articles of Association, including the authorisation of a new class of preference shares.

This press release is an announcement as mentioned in Section 9b paragraph 1 of the Securities Market Supervision Decree (Besluit toezicht effectenverkeer 1995).

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