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The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Further proposal from Akzo Nobel rejected by ICI

Arnhem, the Netherlands, July 30, 2007 - Akzo Nobel NV (Akzo Nobel) announces that it has made a further approach to the board of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC (ICI) with an increased offer proposal of 650p per share in cash. However, the proposal has been rejected on the grounds that it did not reflect the full value of ICI.

Akzo Nobel was able to make an increased offer proposal after it had entered into an exclusive arrangement with Henkel KGaA (Henkel) for the sale, following completion of its proposed offer, of ICI s Adhesives and Electronic Materials businesses.

Akzo Nobel and Henkel have negotiated a back to back agreement relating to this proposed sale which, subject to the approval of Henkel s Shareholders Committee, they would intend to execute immediately prior to the formal announcement of an offer by Akzo Nobel. The exclusivity agreement with Henkel enables both Akzo Nobel and Henkel to each focus on the businesses that offer them most synergies thereby meeting their respective stated strategic and financial objectives. It would also allow Akzo Nobel to return further cash to its shareholders.

Akzo Nobel continues to believe that ICI would represent a highly attractive addition to its coatings business. Akzo Nobel s increased proposal would provide ICI shareholders with a 40% premium to ICI s share price of 464.25 pence on March 9th, 2007, the last business day prior to Akzo Nobel s announcement in relation to the disposal of Organon BioSciences.

Akzo Nobel is evaluating its options. Whilst discussions continue, Akzo Nobel will remain financially disciplined.

There can be no certainty that any further proposal will be made to the board of ICI or that any offer or transaction will result. A further announcement will be made if appropriate.

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Note to editors

Akzo Nobel is a Fortune Global 500 company and is listed on both the Euronext Amsterdam and NASDAQ stock exchanges. It is also included on the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes and FTSE4Good Index. Based in the Netherlands, we are a multicultural organization serving customers throughout the world with coatings, chemicals and human and animal healthcare products. We employ around 62,000 people and conduct our activities in these four segments, with operating subsidiaries in more than 80 countries. Consolidated revenues for 2006 totaled EUR 13.7 billion. The financial results for the third quarter will be published on October, 23, 2007.

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* Pursuant to the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act 1995.

Dealing Disclosure Requirements

Under the provisions of Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the Code), if any person is, or becomes, interested (directly or indirectly) in one per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of ICI, all dealings in any relevant securities of that company (including by means of an option in respect of, or a derivative referenced to, any such relevant securities) must be publicly disclosed by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction. This requirement will continue until the date on which the offer becomes, or is declared, unconditional as to acceptances, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn or on which the offer period otherwise ends. If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire an interest in relevant securities of ICI, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purposes of Rule 8.3 of the Code. Under the provisions of Rule 8.1 of the Code, all dealings in relevant securities of ICI by Akzo Nobel or ICI, or by any of their respective associates, must be disclosed by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction. A disclosure table, giving details of the companies in whose relevant securities dealings should be disclosed, and the number of such securities in issue, can be found on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk. Interests in securities arise, in summary, when a person has long economic exposure, whether conditional or absolute, to changes in the price of securities. In particular, a person will be treated as having an interest by virtue of the ownership or control of securities, or by virtue of any option in respect of, or derivative referenced to, securities. Terms in quotation marks are defined in the Code, which can also be found on the Takeover Panel's website. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you are required to disclose a dealing under Rule 8 of the Code, you should consult the Panel.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Akzo Nobel N.V.

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Title : Chief Financial Officer

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Title : Director External Reporting

Dated : July 30, 2007
