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NASDAQ OMX Welcomes Cortus Energy AB to First North

Stockholm, February 18 2013 — NASDAQ OMX (NASDAQ: NDAQ) announces that trading in Cortus Energy AB (short name: CE) shares will commence today on First North at NASDAQ OMX Stockholm. Cortus belongs to the Basic Materials sector and is the third company to be admitted to trading on First North in 2013.

Cortus business idea is to provide environmentally sound and cost-effective renewable energy gas to the process and power industries based on the patented gasification technology WoodRoll®. WoodRoll acts to reduce millions of tons of carbon released, while at the same time providing customers with substantial cost savings. For more information, visit www.cortusenergy.com.

"For us a listing on First North is a strategic step to expand and develop our business within the renewable energy market," said Rolf Ljunggren, CEO of Cortus. "Through today's listing we can offer existing and new shareholders a unique opportunity to take part of the future growth of Cortus as we continue to build our platform for future value creation."

"We welcome Cortus to First North, one of Europe's most liquid and retail focused growth markets," said Emelie Jarnesten, head of NASDAQ OMX First North. "We continue to see a steady inflow of companies to First North, which for many companies acts as a stepping stone to NASDAQ OMX's Nordic main market."

Cortus Energy AB has appointed Mangold Fondkommission AB as Certified Adviser.

To view a CEO video interview with Cortus Energy [click here](#).

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About First North

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