



Regulated information
Declaration and announcement of interim dividend
Friday 25 April 2008 (17.35 CET)

Press release

Interim dividend of EUR 3.40 gross per share

Leuven, 25 April 2008 (17.35 CET) – KBC Ancora will distribute an interim dividend amounting to EUR 3.40 gross per share on 15 May 2008. No final dividend will be distributed. The dividend for the financial year 2007/2008 is 11.5% higher than in the previous financial year.

Projected result for the financial year ending on 30 June 2008

On 24 April 2008 the General Meeting of Shareholders of KBC Group decided to distribute a dividend for the financial year 2007 amounting to EUR 3.78 gross per share, payable on 9 May 2008. As a result, KBC Ancora will receive a dividend totalling EUR 310.8 million. This represents virtually the entire income of KBC Ancora for the current financial year.

The costs in the current financial year are estimated at EUR 31 million, of which approximately EUR 28 million comprises interest charges on loans taken out to fund the purchase (in March and July/August 2007) of an additional 6,236,380 KBC Group shares.

KBC Ancora's result for the financial year ending on 30 June 2008 is projected at EUR 280 million. After the formation of the statutory reserve (5% of the net profit for the financial year) and addition of the result carried forward from the previous financial year, the estimated profit available for distribution will be approximately EUR 267 million.

Interim dividend payable on 15 May 2008

The Board of Directors of Almancora Beheersmaatschappij, statutory manager of KBC Ancora, decided at its meeting of 25 April 2008 to declare an interim dividend of EUR 3.40 gross per KBC Ancora share, payable on 15 May 2008 (ex-coupon date: 12 May 2008). The net coupon amount after deduction of 25% withholding tax amounts to EUR 2.55 per share. No final dividend will be distributed. The dividend for the financial year 2007/2008 is 11.5% higher than that for the previous financial year.

The financial services will be provided by KBC Bank and CBC Banque.

Important note for holders of 'Almancora' shares in material (printed) form

Shareholders who still hold 'Almancora' shares in material (printed) form will need to have these converted into dematerialised KBC Ancora shares in order to be able to collect their interim dividend (coupon 8). This conversion will also involve the splitting of the shares by a factor of 1.4, as applied from 15 June 2007.



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Notifications pursuant to the Belgian public takeover legislation

On 18 April 2008, KBC Ancora received a notification from Cera in the context of the Belgian public takeover legislation, stating that as at 1 September 2007 Cera held a participating interest in KBC Ancora of 62.03%.

In mid-February 2008, KBC Ancora issued two notifications in the context of the Belgian public takeover legislation. The first stated that KBC Ancora and Cera jointly held a participating interest of 30.28% in KBC Group as at 1 September 2007; the second was to the effect that Cera, KBC Ancora, MRBB and the Other Permanent Shareholders together held 54.09% of the shares in KBC Group as at 1 September 2007.

Update of net asset value and discount

On 24 April 2008, the KBC Ancora share was listing at a discount of 17.9% to its net asset value, i.e. 1.05 times the price of the KBC Group share, less EUR 7.75 net debt.

KBC Ancora is a listed company which holds approximately 23% of the shares in KBC Group and which together with Cera, MRBB and the Other Permanent Shareholders is responsible for the shareholder stability and further development of KBC Group. As core shareholders of KBC Group, these parties have signed a shareholder agreement to this effect.

Financial calendar:

12 May 2008: ex-coupon date of interim dividend
15 May 2008: interim dividend available for payment
29 August 2008 (17.35 CET): publication of annual press release
16 October 2008: Annual Report available
31 October 2008: General Meeting of Shareholders

This press release is available in Dutch, French and English on the KBC Ancora website www.kbcancora.be.

End of press release

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