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Le 31 août 2011

**HARBOURVEST ANNONCE LE RESULTAT DEFINITIF PRELIMINAIRE DE
L'OFFRE PUBLIQUE D'ACQUISITION SUR ABSOLUTE**

- **43'005'846 actions présentées à l'acceptation, correspondant à un taux de succès et de participation de 98.68 %**
- **Il est prévu que l'exécution de l'offre ait lieu le 13 septembre 2011**

A la fin du délai supplémentaire de l'offre, le 30 août 2011, 16h00 HAEC (le "Délai Supplémentaire de l'Offre"), un total de 43'005'846 actions d'Absolute Private Equity SA, Zoug ("Absolute") a été présenté à l'acceptation de l'offre de HarbourVest Acquisition S.à.r.l. ("HarbourVest Acquisition") sous l'offre publique d'acquisition publiée le 7 juin 2011 (l'"Offre HarbourVest") portant sur toutes les actions au porteur d'Absolute en mains du public, chacune ayant une valeur nominale de CHF 10 (chacune, une "Action Absolute").

Le nombre des acceptations correspond à 98.68 % des Actions Absolute sur lesquelles porte l'Offre HarbourVest (taux de succès) et à 98.68 % de toutes les Actions Absolute et droits de vote émis jusqu'à la fin du Délai Supplémentaire de l'Offre (taux de participation).

L'Offre HarbourVest

L'Offre HarbourVest faite conformément aux articles 22 ss de la Loi fédérale sur les bourses et le commerce des valeurs mobilières et portant sur toutes les actions au porteur d'Absolute fut annoncée préalablement le 26 avril 2011 et publiée le 7 juin 2011. L'Offre HarbourVest fut modifiée et/ou la durée initiale de l'offre fut prolongée les 14 juillet, 19 juillet, 28 juillet et 5 août 2011 (les "Modifications/ Prolongations").

Le prospectus de l'Offre HarbourVest du 7 juin 2011 (le "Prospectus d'Offre") et les Modifications/Prolongations peuvent être obtenus (en langue française, allemande et anglaise) auprès de Bank Vontobel AG, Corporate Finance, Gotthardstrasse 43, 8022 Zurich, Suisse (Tel. +41 (0)58 283 70 03, Fax +41 (0)58 283 70 75, E-Mail:

prospectus@vontobel.ch). Le Prospectus d'Offre et les Modifications/Prolongations, ainsi que d'autres informations concernant l'Offre HarbourVest sont aussi disponibles sur www.hvgpe.com/absolutetender.

Selon le chiffre 2.2 du Prospectus d'Offre, l'Offre HarbourVest porte sur 43'582'605 Actions Absolute. A la fin du Délai Supplémentaire de l'Offre 43'582'605 Actions Absolute sont émises.

Résultat Définitif Préliminaire

A la fin du Délai Supplémentaire de l'Offre, le résultat préliminaire définitif se présente comme suit:

Nombre d'Actions Absolute présentées à l'acceptation	Droits de vote / taux de participation	Taux de succès
43'005'846	98.68 %	98.68 %

Publication du résultat définitif / Annonce concernant la satisfaction des conditions restantes de l'Offre HarbourVest

Ce résultat définitif est préliminaire.

Le résultat définitif ainsi que des informations supplémentaires, y compris des informations concernant la satisfaction des conditions restantes de l'Offre HarbourVest stipulées au chiffre 2.8 du Prospectus d'Offre et l'aboutissement de l'Offre HarbourVest, seront publiés dans les médias imprimés le 5 septembre 2011.

Restrictions à l'Offre

Les restrictions à l'offre stipulées dans le Prospectus d'Offre demeurent entièrement applicables.

Exécution de l'Offre

Il est prévu que l'exécution de l'Offre HarbourVest ait lieu le 13 septembre 2011.

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United States

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