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DNick Holding sells SAXONIA EuroCoin

- Mint of Finland acquires 100% stake in the producer of coin blanks
- Proceeds of the sale will support development of the core business
- Distribution of dividend planned

Schwerte, 20.04.11 – DNick Holding plc, manufacturer of nickel and nickel alloys listed on the unofficial registered market in Germany, has today entered into a sale agreement for its subsidiary SAXONIA EuroCoin GmbH, Halsbrücke. Acquirer of the 100% stake of the producer of coin blanks is Mint of Finland Ltd. with seat in Vantaa, Finland. Both parties have agreed that the purchase price which will be paid in cash should remain confidential. The proceeds of the sale are supposed to be primarily used for a strengthening and further development of the iron-nickel business. In addition is intended to declare a dividend.

“With the sale of its coin blank business, DNick Holding continues the strategy to focus on the areas of its core business iron-nickel with the manufacturing companies Deutsche Nickel GmbH and Auerhammer Metallwerk GmbH”, says Dr. Götz-Peter Blumbach, Chief Executive Officer of DNick Holding plc. The group will, in combination with the sales company Deutsche Nickel America Inc. and the Indian joint venture Innovative Clad Solutions Private Limited, realise further synergistic benefits and opportunities for growth. The expansion of the nickel-iron business can, according to Blumbach,

now be expedited through organic growth as well as cooperation with third parties.

The new owner of SAXONIA EuroCoin is a leading provider of circulation and collector coins with a long-standing experience of many years in the international project business. "It can be expected that the integration of SAXONIA EuroCoin into the Mint of Finland group raises synergies with regard to the production of coin blanks and the minting of coins", adds Dr. Blumbach. As a consequence, SAXONIA EuroCoin has further market opportunities which it could not have realized were it to have remained within DNick group.

Mint of Finland acquires the complete coin blank business from DNick Holding which is concentrated in SAXONIA EuroCoin GmbH with seat in Halsbrücke and its 50% stake in the joint venture company Compañia Europea de Cosepeles, S.A., Madrid. The production at the sites Halsbrücke and Madrid will be continued unchanged.

The sale of the coin blank business will generate a profit within the DNick group. It is envisaged to use the proceeds out of the sale primarily for the strengthening and further development of the iron nickel business. Moreover, the distribution of a dividend is planned. The next annual shareholders' meeting in June 2011 will be presented a respective dividend proposal for approval.

Further information under: www.dnickholding.de

About DNick Holding plc:

DNick Holding plc is one of the leading manufacturers worldwide of special materials made of nickel and nickel alloys, as well as of metal products. From its administrative centre in Schwerte in North Rhine-Westphalia, the company bundles all business activities of the DNick group as a holding company. The group is divided into the business areas of iron-nickel and coin blanks. In the business area iron-nickel, the group acts with the operative subsidiary companies Deutsche Nickel GmbH (Schwerte), Auerhammer Metallwerk GmbH (Aue), Deutsche Nickel America Inc. (USA) and the joint venture Innovative Clad Solutions Private Limited (India). In the now sold business area coin blanks, the SAXONIA EuroCoin GmbH (Halsbrücke) and Compania Europea de Cospes S.A. (Spain) are active. In the 2009 business year, profit before tax of the group amounted to EUR 5.3 million. The founding of the DNick Holding plc as a public limited company in accordance with English law took place in 2005 in order to function as a holding for the business activities of the former Deutsche Nickel AG. Following successful restructuring of the entire company group, the DNick Holding plc was placed on the stock market in 2006. The stock is traded in the German unofficial regulated market at the stock exchange centres in Frankfurt, Berlin and on the XETRA platform.

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