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DNick Holding plans to pay a a special dividend

- Payment of a special dividend of EUR 2.00 / share planned
- Proposed dividend of EUR 0.30 / share for 2010 business year
- Positive business trend in the first five months of 2011

Schwerte, 3 June 2011 – DNick Holding plc, manufacturer of special nickel and nickel alloys listed on the unofficial regulated market in Germany, is planning to pay a dividend for the first time. Given the positive development in the 2010 business year, a resolution for a dividend payment of EUR 0.30 per share will be submitted to the annual general meeting to be held on 30 June for adoption. The DNick group intends also to pay a special dividend of EUR 2.00 per share to the shareholders following the sale of its subsidiary Saxonia Eurocoin GmbH.

“The good performance in the past year and the sale of the coin blanks segment allow the group to pay out a dividend for the first time in its history,” comments Dr. Götz-Peter Blumbach, Chief Executive Officer of DNick Holding plc. The special dividend of EUR 2.00 per share is to be paid out in the form of an interim dividend for the current business year. Based on the business figures for the first five months and based on current orders on hand, management anticipates further growth in sales and operating performance in the iron-nickel business in 2011. In addition, the group will realise a corresponding capital gain from the sale of SAXONIA Eurocoin GmbH concluded in April 2011. Both effects will have a positive impact on the after-tax profit in the 2011 business year.

On 1 June 2011, DNick Holding presented the final accounts for the 2010 business year. Operating EBITDA was accordingly EUR 10.0 million, exceeding the earnings forecast of EUR 9 million. Operating EBITDA in the 2009 business year was EUR 9.3 million.

Sales in 2010 amounted to EUR 200.2 million compared with EUR 166.3 million in 2009. Profit after tax was EUR 5.1 million (2009: EUR 1.5 million). The 2010 results include the coin blanks segment which was sold in April 2011.

“The improvement in performance during the past year is solely due to the positive trend in the iron-nickel core business”, explains Blumbach. The marked increase in the sales volume contributed to this. Furthermore, the cost-cutting measures already initiated in 2009 had a positive impact. Considerable profits were also generated in the coin blanks segment. However, given the intensive price competition in this project related business, margins were subject to increasing pressure and it was not possible to repeat the very good results of 2008 and 2009.

The annual general meeting of the DNick group will be held in Schwerte on 30 June 2011. Apart from distribution of dividends, measures of a purely technical nature are on the agenda such as the issuance of bonus shares and the consolidation of shares. The background for this are the changed overall conditions of Deutsche Börse AG which make it necessary to increase the nominal value of the shares issued. This change in share capital will not affect the rights of the shareholders.

Further information is available at: 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. From its administrative centre in Schwerte in North Rhine-Westphalia (Germany), the company bundles all business activities of the DNick group as a holding company. The group is divided into the product groups bars & wires and strips. In the bars & wires product group, the group acts with the operative subsidiary company Deutsche Nickel GmbH (Schwerte). Strips are produced by the subsidiary Auerhammer Metallwerk GmbH (Aue) and in addition by the joint venture Innovative Clad Solutions Private Limited (Indore, India). Deutsche Nickel America Inc. operates solely as the sales company for all iron-nickel products on the North American market. In the 2010 business year, profit before tax of the group amounted to EUR 2.9 million (excluding the coin blanks business sold in 2011). 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, 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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