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Federal Cartel Office has announced initiation of proceedings

Schwerte, 09 August 2011 – The German Federal Cartel Office has announced on its website the initiation of subsequent examinations concerning the already executed acquisition of altogether approximately 50.8 % of the shares in DNick Holding plc by Wickeder Westfalenstahl GmbH and Lustre Beteiligungs UG. The file number is B 5 - 87/11. The outcome of the procedure is uncertain.

More information: 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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