

## **IR-News:**

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## **Information regarding proceedings**

### **Federal Cartel Office**

**Schwerte, 28 December 2011** – Following our IR-News published on 23 November 2011, DNick Holding plc has now received a letter from the German Cartel Office (Bundeskartellamt) dated 23 December 2011 according to which

- the German Cartel Office has officially confirmed that the acquisition of a majority shareholding in DNick Holding plc by Wickeder Westfalenstahl GmbH and Lustre Beteiligungs UG had to be filed with the German Cartel Office for prior approval,
- the arguments raised by Wickeder Westfalenstahl GmbH and Lustre Beteiligungs UG in the course of the investigations of the relevant markets are not sufficient to stop the proceedings and
- the German Cartel Office will send out requests for further information to market participants in due course.

It is uncertain when the proceedings will be completed.

**More information:** [www.dnickholding.de](http://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). 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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