Press Release





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Publicis Groupe S.A. to buy shares in LBi International N.V. in the market in coming days

This is a joint press release by LBi International N.V. ("LBi") and Publicis Groupe S.A. ("Publicis Groupe") in accordance with article 4 paragraph 3 of the Dutch Public Takeover Decree (Besluit openbare biedingen Wft) in connection with the intended public offer by Publicis Groupe for all the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of LBi. This press release does not constitute or form part of an offer for ordinary shares in LBi. This press release may not be published, distributed, disseminated or otherwise sent into Japan, Australia or Canada.

With reference to the joint press release made by Publicis Groupe [EURONEXT Paris: FR0000130577] and LBi [EURONEXT Amsterdam: LBI] on 20 September 2012 about a conditional agreement on a potential recommended cash offer to acquire all outstanding shares of LBi (the "Offer") and the press release from LBI issued on 24 September about the budgeted LBi revenue and budgeted adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2012, Publicis Groupe announces it intends to buy in coming days shares in LBi in the market through UBS Investment Bank and SNS Securities.

In addition, Publicis Groupe and LBi announce Publicis Groupe has received an irrevocable commitment from certain identified shareholders, the members of the Boards of LBi and selected senior managers, together representing approximately 65% of the fully diluted share capital of LBi to tender their shares under the Offer if and when made, instead of 67% as stated in the press release on 20 September. Together with the put-call option agreement with Project Holland Fonds (details of which were disclosed in the press release dated 20 September 2012) Publicis Groupe has received undertakings representing approximately 70% of the fully diluted share capital of LBi.

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About LBi

LBi International N.V. [NYSE Euronext Amsterdam: LBI] is Europe's largest independent marketing and technology agency, blending insight, media, creativity and technical expertise to create value for brands. Headquartered in Amsterdam (the Netherlands), the company has operations in 16 countries and a staff of approximately 2,200. As a marketing and technology agency, LBi offers services to brands and (clients) to help them engage with their customers through digital channels across a wide spectrum of their points of engagement, from initial awareness of the brand, through direct interaction with the services or products offered by the brand, to on-going relationships with the brand.

LBi offers a suite of services that are designed to help its clients attract, engage and manage customers, more effectively. This full service offering combines analytical, direct marketing and digital competences, which means that they are able to develop big creative ideas in the digital space, build and manage complex transactional websites, run complex CRM programmes and even handle the media buying, planning and electronic public relations for blue chip companies.

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