

## **Assystem agrees to acquire nearly two-thirds of the stake held by Fonds Stratégique d'Investissement**

(Paris, 8 April 2013 – 5:45 pm) – Assystem announced today that it has signed an agreement in principle to purchase a block of 1,777,011 shares held by France's sovereign wealth fund, Fonds Stratégique d'Investissement (FSI). The transaction would reduce FSI's stake in the Company to 5.58% of outstanding shares (versus 13.73% currently) and 5.73% of the voting rights (versus 22.75% currently).

The purchase would be carried out as part of the new share buy-back program, subject to shareholder approval at the upcoming Annual Meeting on 22 May.

The agreement would be executed within the three months following the 22 May Annual Meeting, provided that shareholders approve the resolutions authorizing the buy-back program and the related-party agreement with FSI.

In accordance with legislation, the block of shares would be acquired at a price equal to or less than the share price on the day the trade is executed and according to the terms and conditions defined and governed by the agreement signed by the two companies today.

Assystem would like to commend FSI and before it the Caisse des dépôts et consignations for their support over the past ten years. Backed by its dual positioning in complex infrastructure engineering and outsourced industrial R&D, Assystem is now entering a new phase in its development, which will be driven by faster deployment outside France in the most promising segments of the energy market – particularly nuclear power and oil and gas – and the aerospace market.

With its robust earnings, healthy balance sheet and extensive financial resources, the Group will pursue its expansion with confidence, to become one of Europe's leading independent engineering firms.

### **Investor information**

- 15 April – Notice of Annual Meeting and proposed resolutions published in the BALO
- 29 April – Quarterly financial information for the three months ended 31 March 2013
- 22 May – Annual General Meeting

**Assystem** is an international Engineering and Innovation Consultancy. As a key participant in the industry for more than 45 years, Assystem supports its customers in developing their products and managing their capital expenditure throughout the product life cycle. Assystem employs more than 11,000 people worldwide and reported €855 million in revenue in 2012. The Company is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris.

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