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**NLFI ANNOUNCES SALE OF PART OF ITS STAKE IN a.s.r.**

Stichting administratiekantoor beheer financiële instellingen ("**NLFI**"), on behalf of the Dutch State, announces its intention to sell up to 20,400,000 ordinary shares (the "**Shares**") in ASR Nederland N.V. ("**a.s.r.**" or the "**Company**"), representing 13.6% of a.s.r.'s outstanding share capital. The Shares will be sold by way of an accelerated book building offering to qualified investors (the "**Offering**").

a.s.r. has committed to place an order in the Offering to repurchase 3,000,000 Shares, which is the maximum to which a.s.r. is currently authorised to acquire shares in its own capital. NLFI will allocate a.s.r.'s order in whole. a.s.r. intends to cancel these Shares in due course. a.s.r. has announced that the cancellation of these Shares as well as the grant of a new authorisation to the Executive Board of a.s.r. on market terms to acquire own shares, will be placed on the agenda for the General Meeting of 31 May 2017.

Following successful completion of the transaction, NLFI's shareholding in a.s.r. is expected to decrease to 50.1% of a.s.r.'s share capital (from 63.7% currently). After cancellation of the 3,000,000 Shares that a.s.r. intends to acquire in the Offering, NLFI's shareholding in a.s.r. is expected to represent 51.1% of a.s.r.'s share capital. a.s.r. will not receive any proceeds from the Offering.

The offer price and the final number of Shares sold will be determined by NLFI (subject to the approval from the Dutch Minister of Finance), at the conclusion of the bookbuilding process and will be announced in a separate press release.

The book will open with immediate effect and is expected to close by 9:00 CET on 13 January 2017, although NLFI reserves the right to close the book before that time at short notice and without any further public announcement. The transaction is expected to settle on 17 January 2017 ("**Settlement**").

**Further details of the sale**

NLFI has undertaken to the Joint Bookrunners named below that the remaining shares in a.s.r. held by NLFI will be subject to a lock-up period of 90 calendar days following the Settlement. This lock-up may be waived by the Joint Bookrunners at their sole discretion.

The Dutch State has previously announced that, following the initial public offering of a.s.r. on 10 June 2016, it intends to gradually reduce its interest (through NLFI) in a.s.r. over time. The Relationship Agreement between NLFI and a.s.r. dated 30 May 2016 (the "**Relationship Agreement**") entitles NLFI to sell any number of Shares, whether or not in the open market, in accordance with the orderly market arrangements as set out in the Relationship Agreement. The full text of the Relationship Agreement is available on both the NLFI and a.s.r. websites.

ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Barclays Bank PLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited and Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch are acting as Joint Bookrunners for the Offering. ABN AMRO Bank N.V. is acting as listing and paying agent for the Offering.

Rothschild is acting as financial adviser to NLFI and Allen & Overy LLP is acting as legal counsel to NLFI.



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