International Post Corporation

PostNL announces share buyback programme of â‚¬250 million to neutralise dilutive impact of dividends over 2021-23

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Based on PostNLâ€™s strong financial position and in line with its capital allocation framework, the company is well positioned to launch a share buyback programme.

The confidence in the successful execution of its strategy gives comfort around the longer term business performance and cash generation perspective. PostNL will continue to focus on value creation for all stakeholders through growth opportunities, cost savings initiatives, acceleration of digitalisation, environmental and social initiatives.

The programme further optimises PostNL's capital structure while adhering to its financial framework. The company is steering for a solid balance sheet with positive consolidated equity, aiming at a leverage ratio not exceeding 2.0 and applying strict cash flow management. Based on preliminary figures, at year-end 2021 the leverage ratio is expected to be ~0.5. The announced share buyback programme will be executed using cash on balance sheet.

The share buyback programme intends to neutralise the assumed dilutive impact from shares to be issued in relation to the dividends over the years 2021-23. The dividend will develop in line with business performance. The first tranche will be executed in 2022 and is set at between €160 million and €170 million, covering the assumed amount of stock dividend over the financial years 2021 and 2022. The execution of the programme will start after 28 February 2022 and is expected to be completed no later than October 2022. The second tranche will be executed in 2023.

The first tranche of the share buyback programme will be executed within the limitations of the existing authority granted by the Annual General Meeting on 20 April 2021, and will be carried out in compliance with the Market Abuse Regulation. Based on the closing price of PostNL's ordinary shares on Euronext Amsterdam on 24 January 2022, the share buyback of between €160 million and €170 million to be executed in 2022 represents approximately 9.5% of ordinary shares issued. PostNL intends to use any repurchased shares under the programme to cover its obligations under share-based remuneration arrangements and to deliver

future dividend that may be partly paid in stock, at the choice of the shareholder. The remaining number of the bought-back shares will be cancelled.

PostNL has engaged an independent broker to start the execution of the share buyback programme on its behalf and to make trading decisions independently of PostNL. In accordance with regulations, PostNL will inform the market about progress made in the execution of this programme through press releases and via its website.

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