

Invitation to express interest in the joint acquisition of a majority shareholding and loan exposure towards financial creditors in Vipap Videm Krško d. d., Slovenia

Vipap Videm Krško d.d. ("Vipap" or "the Company") is a renowned manufacturer of newsprint, publication and wrapping paper using recovered paper base. Vipap's broad client portfolio mainly comprises clients in Italy, Hungary, Austria and Germany as well as in the Adriatic region where it holds a leading market position. The Company's highly integrated and flexible production is carried out on one location in Slovenia, using three paper machines with their annual capacities ranging from 65 to 71ths tons, and is FSC and Ecolabel certified. Vipap forecasts to generate sales of approx. EUR 90m in 2017 whereby sale of newsprint represents the majority of revenues. As the only functioning newsprint producer in the SEE with a loyal customer base, Vipap represents a compelling investment opportunity to acquire a uniquely positioned supplier of newsprint and publication paper. In addition, unused land on the Company's premises allow for further expansion of paper or other complementary production capacities.

The shareholder of Vipap, namely the Czech Ministry of Finance (96.5%) and Vipap's financial creditors, comprising 2 Slovenian banks (Nova KBM d.d. and NLB d.d.), a Slovenian subsidiary of HETA Asset Resolution AG (TCK d.o.o.) and two Czech companies (Prisko a.s. and IMOB a.s.), together "the Sellers", who have recently concluded a joint sale and (debt) restructuring agreement with Vipap, are considering a joint sale of the majority of the shares (96.5%) and loans provided to the Company.

EY has been appointed to act as a sole financial advisor to the Sellers. For any additional information regarding the aforementioned transaction, please contact Mr Tilen Vahčič, Ernst & Young Svetovanje d.o.o., Dunajska cesta 111, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia, Phone: +386 1 583 1700, E-mail: tilen.vahcic@si.ey.com or Mrs Nada Simoneti, Ernst & Young Svetovanje d.o.o., Dunajska cesta 111, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia, Phone: +386 1 583 1700, E-mail: Nada.Simoneti@si.ey.com. All inquiries concerning the potential acquisition of the Company are to be addressed exclusively and directly to the EY employees listed above. Under no circumstances shall a potential investor or his advisors contact any shareholders, lenders, employees, management, customers, competitors or other stakeholders of the Company or provide any third parties with any information on this proposed transaction unless explicitly permitted under the confidentiality agreement signed by such potential investor.