## VIOHALCO

## PUBLICATION OF THE PROSPECTUS RELATING TO THE LISTING OF ALL SHARES OF VIOHALCO SA/NV ON EURONEXT BRUSSELS

*Brussels, Belgium, 6 November 2013* – Belgian company Viohalco SA/NV today announces that the prospectus relating to the admission to listing of all its shares on Euronext Brussels in the context of the mergers by absorption by Viohalco SA/NV of the Greek company Viohalco Hellenic Copper and Aluminium Industry SA and the Belgian company Cofidin SA has been published.

This prospectus was approved by the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority, the FSMA, on 29 October 2013. In addition, on 6 November 2013, the Hellenic Capital Market Commission acknowledged that Viohalco SA/NV was entitled to make the prospectus available to the public in Greece.

As a result, Viohalco SA/NV has now secured all regulatory approvals towards the listing of its shares on Euronext Brussels and the mergers by absorption of Viohalco Hellenic Copper and Aluminium Industry SA and Cofidin SA.

## **Transaction highlights**

Viohalco SA/NV is currently engaged in cross-border and domestic merger proceedings with, respectively, Viohalco Hellenic Copper and Aluminium Industry SA (*Viohalco Hellenic*) and Cofidin SA (*Cofidin*).

Viohalco Hellenic is the largest metal group in Greece. Its subsidiaries operate mainly in the fields of steel, copper and aluminium production, processing and trade, as well as in the real estate development sector. Viohalco Hellenic is listed on the Athens Stock Exchange and had, as at 5 November 2013, a market capitalisation of approximately EUR 1.37 billion. Cofidin is a Belgian company which owns shareholdings in Viohalco Hellenic and certain of its subsidiaries, as well as investments in securities and financial instruments.

The rationale pursued by the merging companies in relation to this transaction is based upon two main considerations:

- the relisting of the parent holding company of the Viohalco Hellenic group on Euronext Brussels; and
- the reinforcement of the capital structure at the level of the parent holding company.

Completion of the two mergers is subject to the approval of the shareholders' meetings of the merging companies which are scheduled to take place on 12 November 2013. If the quorum and voting requirements applicable to the approval by the shareholders meeting of Viohalco Hellenic of 12 November 2013 were not met, approval of the two mergers would be postponed to a later date.

Listing of the shares of Viohalco SA/NV outstanding prior to the mergers will take place on 11 November 2013, with suspension of trading until the date of listing of the shares to be issued in the context of the mergers to the shareholders of Viohalco Hellenic and Cofidin.

Assuming that the two mergers are approved by the shareholders of all merging companies on 12 November 2013, the Viohalco SA/NV's shares to be issued in the context of the mergers to the shareholders of Viohalco Hellenic and Cofidin are expected to be admitted to listing and start trading on Euronext Brussels on 22 November 2013.

To view the prospectus relating to the listing of the shares of Viohalco SA/NV on Euronext Brussels in the context of the mergers, please go to Viohalco SA/NV's website at http://www.viohalco.com.

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