

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT INTENDED FOR RELEASE, PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, JAPAN OR AUSTRALIA OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION WHERE THIS WILL LEAD TO A VIOLATION OF THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION

# Press release | Wereldhave Belgium proposes an optional dividend to its shareholders and discloses the related conditions

Vilvoorde, 21 April 2021

For the financial year 2020, the general meeting decided to distribute a gross dividend of € 4.00 per share. After deduction of 30% withholding tax, the net dividend for the financial year 2020 amounts to € 2.80 per share. The board of directors of the Company has decided on 21 April 2021 to offer the shareholders of Wereldhave Belgium NV/SA (hereafter 'Wereldhave Belgium' or the 'Company') an optional dividend for financial year 2020. With an optional dividend, the shareholders are given the opportunity to contribute their dividend receivable that arises from the profit distribution in the Company's capital in return for the issue of new shares, in addition to the option to receive the dividend in cash or to choose for a combination of both previous options. The funds which are not paid as dividend in cash will be used by Wereldhave Belgium (i) to execute additional debt-financed transactions and (ii) to invest in its own existing portfolio in the future if necessary in order to realise its growth objectives. The optional dividend also avoids (due to the contribution of the dividend rights in the capital of the Company) a cash-out and thus further strengthen its liquidity position.

Each shareholder has thus the choice to receive the dividend in cash or to invest in new shares, as follows:

## • Option 1: Payment of dividend in cash

Coupon no. 25 gives entitlement to a gross dividend of € 4.00 or € 2.80 net per share (after deduction of 30% withholding tax).

• Option 2: Investment of dividend in return for new shares Wereldhave Belgium A subscription can be made for two new shares through the contribution of 29 coupons no. 25 (each for a net dividend amount of  $\in$  2.80). The issue price for the shareholder amounts hence to 29 / 2 x  $\in$  2.80 =  $\in$  40.60 for one new share. This price includes a discount of -3.59% on the average of the opening prices of the 10 last trading days before the decision of the board of directors and of -7.41% compared to the closing price of the share Wereldhave

Belgium as at Tuesday 20 April 2021, each time after deduction of the gross dividend for financial year 2020.

• Option 3: A combination of both previous options.

### Terms of the optional dividend

- The share is listed including coupon no. 25 until Thursday 22 April 2021.
- As from Friday 23 April 2021 the share is listed ex coupon no. 25.
- The registration date (record date), it being the date on which positions are closed in order to identify the shareholders who qualify to receive a dividend, will be on Monday 26 April 2021.
- Shareholders are requested to communicate their choice of payment method to their financial institution between Tuesday 27 April (9 am) and Monday 10 May 2021 (4 pm).
- All other information can be found in the Information memorandum that will be available as from Monday 26 April 2021 on the website: <a href="http://www.wereldhavebelgium.com/en/news/">http://www.wereldhavebelgium.com/en/news/</a>.
- As planned in the financial calendar, the interim statement regarding the quarterly figures as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 is published on Wednesday 21 April 2021 after closing of the stock exchange.
- Shareholders who express no preference will be paid automatically and exclusively in cash.
- After the period of choice, the result will be processed and subsequently announced on Tuesday 11 May 2021 (after close of the stock exchange).
- As from Monday 17 May 2021, the actual dividend payment will take place, according to the shareholder's choice, in the form of the issue of new shares in return for the contribution of dividend rights, or the payment of the dividend for 2020 in cash, or a combination of both.
- The newly created shares will be listed as from Monday 17 May 2021 and will be tradable as from that moment.
- The new shares will be entitled to the results as from 1 January 2021 (first dividend payable in 2022).
- For shareholders who benefit from a reduction tax or an exemption of withholding tax, the contribution of the dividend receivable will amount to € 2.80 per share, and the balance, resulting from the decrease or exemption of withholding tax, will be paid in cash as from Monday 17 May 2021. Shareholders being in this situation, have to procure the usual certificate through their financial institution to BNP Paribas Fortis NV (i.e. the financial institution which is responsible for the financial services with regard to the share Wereldhave Belgium).

# **Conditions Precedent**

The Board of Directors of the Company reserves itself the (purely discretionary) right to withdraw the offer if, between 21 April 2021 (the date of the decision by the Board of Directors) and 11 May 2021, the share price of Wereldhave Belgium significantly rises or falls on Euronext Brussels compared to the average price on the basis of which the issue price was set by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Company also reserves the (purely discretionary) right to withdraw the offer if, between 21 April 2021 and 11 May 2021, an extraordinary event of a political, military, economic, environmental, sanitary or social nature occurs such that the economy and/or the securities markets are significantly affected.

Any withdrawal of the offer will be immediately communicated to the public by means of a press release. The exercise or non-exercise of this right may never give rise to any liability on the part of Wereldhave Belgium.

For more information:
Cédric Biquet
Chief Financial Officer
investor.relations@wereldhavebelgium.com
+32 2 732 19 00

# About Wereldhave Belgium - make every day count

Wereldhave Belgium Full Service Centers contribute to a more joyful and comfortable everyday life. A one-stop location for groceries, shopping, leisure, relaxation, sports, health, work and other daily needs, all supported by smart concepts and digital services. By investing sustainably to meet the needs of customers and local areas, we enrich communities, while caring for the environment, and have a positive effect on the way people live, work and shop. Wereldhave Belgium Full Service Centers play a vital role in people's everyday lives in leading regional cities in Belgium.

The shares are listed on the Euronext Brussels stock exchange. On 31 March 2021, Wereldhave Belgium's market capitalisation amounts to € 364 mln.

For more information, visit www.wereldhavebelgium.com



Wereldhave Belgium NV/SA
Public Regulated Real Estate Company
Medialaan 30, b6
1800 Vilvoorde
Company registration number 0412.597.022 (RPR Brussels)
investor.relations@wereldhavebelgium.com
+32 (0)2 732 19 00

make every day count