Corporate Action Notice



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Edwards Group Limited CUSIP 281736108 – Mandatory Exchange for Cash

BNYMellon has been informed that Edwards announced today that all regulatory and antitrust clearances and approvals necessary for its merger with Atlas Copco Group have now been obtained. Closing of the transaction is therefore expected to take place by close of business today, January 9, 2014, and consequently Edwards DSs are anticipated to cease trading on the NASDAQ stock exchange prior to market opening on January 10, 2014.

On closing, the fixed cash payment of \$9.25 per share will become payable to shareholders. Under the terms of the merger agreement filed with the SEC in August 2013, an additional payment of up to \$1.25 per share is potentially payable post-closing, calculated according to a mechanism set out in the merger agreement. The additional payment will be paid after the financial results for the fourth quarter of 2013 have been completed, which is expected before the end of the first quarter of 2014.

As of the effective date January 21, 2014, DR holders will be required to exchange their DRs for the fixed cash payment less a cancellation fee of \$0.05 per DR. Atlas Copco has confirmed that it has paid an additional \$1.25 per share to all former holders of Edwards Group as final and balancing payment due under the agreement. In total, \$10.50 will have been paid, less the cancellation fee. This payment is being made on March 17, 2014.

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