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**PRESS RELEASE:
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After obtaining the required antitrust clearance, D'Ieteren (through its wholly-owned subsidiary DM Invest S.r.l.), Appunti S.à r.l. (Syntegra Capital) and Pentavest S.à r.l. (Index Ventures) have closed today their agreements (signed and announced on 22 September 2016) regarding the acquisition by D'Ieteren of a 41% stake in Moleskine S.p.A. at EUR 2.40 per share.

In accordance with Italian law, DM Invest S.r.l. will launch an unconditional mandatory takeover offer on the remaining shares of Moleskine at the same price (EUR 2.40 per share) in the course of Q4 2016.

End of press release

Press release issued by D'Ieteren and disseminated by Moleskine S.p.A. upon request of D'Ieteren



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GROUP PROFILE

In existence since 1805, and across family generations, D'Ieteren seeks growth and value creation by pursuing a strategy on the long term for its businesses internationally and actively encouraging and supporting them to develop their position in their industry or in their geographies. The group has currently two activities articulated around strong brands:

- **D'Ieteren Auto** distributes Volkswagen, Audi, SEAT, Škoda, Bentley, Lamborghini, Bugatti, Porsche and Yamaha vehicles in Belgium. It is the country's number one car distributor, with a market share of more than 22% and 1.2 million vehicles on the road at the end of 2015. Sales and operating result reached respectively EUR 2.9 billion and EUR 60.4 million in 2015.
- **Belron** (94.85% owned) is the worldwide leader in vehicle glass repair and replacement. Some 2,400 branches and 10,000 mobile vans, trading under more than 10 major brands including Carglass®, Safelite® AutoGlass and Autoglass®, serve customers in 33 countries. Sales and operating result reached respectively EUR 3.2 billion and EUR 174.4 million in 2015.
- **Moleskine** (41% owned) is a premium and aspirational lifestyle brand which develops and sells iconic branded notebooks and writing, travel and reading accessories through a multichannel distribution strategy across 114 countries. Sales and operating result reached respectively EUR 128 million and EUR 35 million in 2015.

FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Last five press releases <i>(with the exception of press releases linked to the repurchase or sale of own shares)</i>		Next events	
22 September 2016	Agreement to acquire a 41% stake in Moleskine	7 March 2017	2016 Full-Year Results
29 August 2016	2016 Half-Year Results	1 June 2017	General Meeting & Trading Update
13 July 2016	Publication of a transparency notification		
26 May 2016	Trading Update for the period ending 31 March 2016		
29 April 2016	Dieslegate Commission recommendations		

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NOTICE TO U.S. RESIDENT HOLDERS OF THE SHARES

The Offer mentioned in this press release will be made for the shares of Moleskine S.p.A. ("Moleskine"), an Italian company, and is subject to Italian disclosure and procedural requirements, which are different from those of the United States. This release is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Moleskine. Prior to the beginning of the Tender Period, the Offeror will disseminate the Offer Document as required by applicable law and shareholders of Moleskine should review such document carefully.

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulation, in accordance with normal Italian practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Offeror, the Issuer and their affiliates or brokers (acting as agents for the Offeror, the Issuer or any of their respective affiliates, as applicable) have in the past purchased and may from time to time after the date of this press release, and other than pursuant to the Offer, directly or indirectly purchase, or arrange to purchase, shares of Moleskine or any securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for shares of Moleskine. No such purchases have been made since September 22, 2016, other than the purchase of the 41% stake completed today by the Offeror. Any such purchases will not be made at prices higher than the Offer consideration per share unless the Offer consideration per share is increased accordingly.

To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in Italy, such information will be disclosed as required in Italy by means of a press release, pursuant to Art. 41, paragraph 2, letter c) of the Issuers' Regulation, or other means reasonably calculated to inform U.S. shareholders of Moleskine. In addition, the financial advisors to the Offeror and the Issuer may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of Moleskine, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission nor any securities commission of any State of the United States has (a) approved or disapproved of the Offer; (b) passed upon the merits or fairness of the Offer; or (c) passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of the disclosure in this press release. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

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