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**SIGNING CEREMONY IN OSLO**

*19 June 2024 at 09h45-10h45*

*Venue: Olympia meeting room on the second floor at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel  
Oslo*

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**OSLO DECLARATION between Air Liquide, ArcelorMittal, BASF, Carmeuse, Engie, Equinor, ExxonMobil, Fluxys, Heidelberg Materials, Holcim, Ineos, Lhoist, North Sea Port, Port of Antwerp Bruges, TotalEnergies**

**OUTSIDE THE REGULAR SIGNING CEREMONY**

Belgian industrial stakeholders to hand-over 'Oslo Declaration' on low carbon value chains to policymakers in the presence of H.R.H. Princess Astrid. 15 Belgian industrial stakeholders will hand over the Oslo Declaration on low carbon value chains to policymakers. The declaration highlights the role of CCUS in reducing Belgium's CO2 emissions and puts forward 5 key policy actions to ensure CCUS projects are realised in Belgium.

**1. BROUWERIJ VERHAEGHE-VICHTE – MACONDO AS**

On May 19th, Macondo will join the official signing ceremony between Norway and Belgium. The signing ceremony is dedicated to inviting Norwegian and Belgian companies that have been engaged in international commerce, and to officially announce their business relationship as partners. During this significant event, Princess Astrid of Belgium and representatives of Belgian companies will participate in the signing ceremony, exchanging the MOU with Norwegian companies and proclaiming them as official partners.

Macondo AS, the Norwegian importer of Duchesse de Bourgogne, the well-known Belgian Flemish Red Ale crafted by Brouwerij Verhaeghe Brewery, has been invited to this event as a thankful participant in promoting Belgium's beer culture in Norway.

Macondo has successfully provided premium craft beers with distinctive flavors and a robust philosophy to a wide range of consumers and beer enthusiasts in Norway for years. Furthermore, Macondo is well-known for its own line of premium craft beer.

As a participant in this event, Macondo is dedicated to further reinforcing Norway-Belgium partnerships and expanding the market for imported Belgian premium beers in Norway.

**2. CERAMIC BRUSSELS – NORWEGIANCRAFTS.NO**

**ceramic brussels and Norwegian Crafts announce a focus on Norway within the second edition of ceramic brussels. The vision is detailed in a letter of intent signed this Wednesday June 19th in Oslo on the occasion of the princely mission in Norway.**

ceramic brussels, the first international contemporary art fair dedicated to ceramics, is thrilled to announce that the next edition of the fair (January 22nd to 26th 2025) will spotlight the



vitality of the Norwegian scene and its many facets.

In close collaboration with Norwegian Crafts, the fair announces that its programme will highlight the rich and innovative ceramic art scene from Norway, bringing a fresh and dynamic perspective to the fair.

The announcement was followed by the signature on June 19th of a letter of intent between Mrs. Kristine K. Wessel, Chair of Norwegian Crafts and Gilles Parmentier, co-director of ceramic brussels. The main intentions of the collaboration were announced during the princely mission in Norway which focused on crafts (wo)manship/design, energy transition, circular economy and life sciences from June 16th to 19th 2024.

#### **Participation of Norwegian galleries**

ceramic brussels and Norwegian Crafts will jointly select a curated list of galleries from Norway to be present at the fair. This selection process will ensure a high standard with diverse programming of contemporary craft representation. These galleries will showcase the works of prominent and emerging Norwegian artists, providing visitors with a comprehensive insight into Norway's vibrant ceramic art landscape.

#### **Participation in the talks programme**

ceramic brussels and Norwegian Crafts will discuss active ways in which Norwegian Crafts could participate in the talks programme at ceramic brussels 2025, be it by inviting specialists, artists or gallerists from Norway to the fair or by addressing subjects related to Norwegian art.

In addition to the gallery exhibitions, Norway's influence will permeate the fair through a series of curated talks and panel discussions. These programs will delve into various facets of Norwegian ceramic art, exploring its traditions, innovations, and the unique cultural contexts that shape its development. Esteemed artists, curators, and critics from Norway and beyond will contribute to these discussions, enriching the fair's educational and cultural offerings.

#### **Delegation visit**

A delegation from Norway will be invited to the fair. This delegation will include key figures from the Norwegian ceramics industry, artists, and other stakeholders. ceramic brussels will facilitate meetings, tours, and networking opportunities for the delegation to enhance their experience and engagement at the fair.

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#### **About Norwegian Crafts**

Norwegian Crafts is an organization that promotes contemporary Norwegian craft and design internationally through exhibitions, events, and collaborations. It supports Norwegian artists in reaching new audiences and fosters international dialogue in the field of craft.

#### **About ceramic brussels**

ceramic brussels is the first international contemporary art fair dedicated to ceramics. The fair aims to promote ceramic art in all its forms, providing a platform for artists, galleries, and



collectors to engage with and appreciate the diverse practices within this medium.

ceramic brussels continues to position itself as a vital platform for contemporary ceramics, fostering connections between artists, galleries, collectors, and enthusiasts from around the world. The focus on Norway for its second edition underscores the fair's commitment to diversity, innovation, and cultural dialogue.

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### **3. D-TEACH ONLINE SCHOOL – GLOBALSKOLEN**

d-teach is Belgium's first online school. It provides personalized online education to Belgian expats and their children ([www.d-teachschool.com](http://www.d-teachschool.com)). Having been selected as a participant in the first cohort of the European Commission's Digital Education Hub Accelerator program, d-teach decide to launch the international community of online schools (ICONS), which has already members from ten countries and which has the ambition to grow into the global voice of online schools.

Online schools worldwide face the same challenges in terms of funding, recognition, accreditation, quality control, dealing with artificial intelligence, building online communities with students and parents. Australia is one of the pioneering nations of distance education, and we are very happy that Globalskolen decided to join the ICONS network. Online schools can learn a lot from each other and by joining forces they also raise their visibility and help make their case within their own national context.

### **4. D-TEACH ONLINE SCHOOL – KAHOOT!**

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Online schools worldwide face the same challenges in terms of funding, recognition, accreditation, quality control, dealing with artificial intelligence, building online communities with students and parents. Forging bridges with the edtech sector is another important area of work for online schools; that's why d-teach reaches out to Kahoot!, one of the biggest learning platforms worldwide.

### **5. D-TEACH ONLINE SCHOOL – INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE EDUCATION (ICDE)**

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## **6. INSILICARE SRL – GLUCOSET AS**

Insilicare and GlucoSet join forces to revolutionize glycemic control in hospitals

Oslo, Norway, June 19, 2024 – Insilicare, a young digital health spin-off company from the University of Liège specializing in clinical decision support software, and GlucoSet, a critical care monitoring company specializing in glucose sensors, today announced their intention to collaborate to improve and facilitate glycemic control in critically ill patients.

"We share the same goals with GlucoSet: enabling all hospitalized patients requiring glycemic control to receive quality monitoring and control, while considering the human and financial resource limitations of hospitals," says Vincent Uyttendaele. "Working together may allow us to combine GlucoSet's glucose sensor expertise with our digital twin and predictive AI technology to eventually enable, for example, fully personalized solutions that improve clinical outcomes while reducing nursing workload and hospital costs."

Nicolas Elvemo adds: "Together, we aim to push the boundaries of technology to provide safer and more effective glycemic control."

Insilicare and GlucoSet invite industry stakeholders to closely follow this promising collaboration, which promises to revolutionize glycemic control in hospitals.

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## **7. JOHN MARTIN S.A. – STRAG GRUPPEN**

### **Anthony Martin's beers : a journey of heritage and innovation**

**From its 18th-century roots to its bold contemporary hopping innovations, the Anthony Martin's family redefines brewing tradition. With the rich heritage of its historic lambic brewery and its remarkable resurgence in Antwerp, this venerable house continues to leave an indelible mark on the beer industry with audacity and originality.**



### **A story that begins in 1702**

The history of the Anthony Martin's family dates back to 1702 with the Timmermans brewery in Itterbeek, known then as the "Brasserie de la taupe." The exceptional longevity of this historic site – the oldest active lambic brewery in the world! – is a testament to the house's deep commitment to brewing tradition and excellence. When the young English entrepreneur John Martin, Anthony's grandfather, arrived in Antwerp in 1909, the company diversified its offerings, creating a beverage portfolio that would later significantly influence beer culture in Belgium and beyond. Although the occupation forced the British family to leave Belgium for a second time, this did not prevent the Irish brewery Guinness from agreeing in 1944 to brew an exclusive recipe developed by John Martin personally to meet the taste preferences and palates of the Belgians! This special creation is called "Guinness Special Export", sometimes referred to as "Antwerpen Guinness" in reference to the Belgian city. This initiative strengthens the partnership between John Martin and Guinness (now "Diageo"), marking a significant milestone in the history of importing renowned beers to Belgium. While in 1958, the Bulldog Pale Ale was rebranded as Martin's Pale Ale, solidifying the brand's identity during the Brussels World's Fair.

### **Anthony Martin: modernizing a legacy**

In the third generation, Anthony Martin faced diverging visions for the company's future and took on the challenge of modernizing it. Inspired by a multicultural heritage and his marketing experience, he transformed the family business with an innovative approach. Under his leadership, the company navigated macroeconomic storms while honoring its rich heritage. This period saw a return to the Martin family's cultural roots, revitalizing historic brands like Timmermans and Bourgogne des Flandres.

### **Martin's return to Antwerp**

In 2021, Martin's Pale Ale made a triumphant return to Antwerp through a partnership with the Antwerpse Brouw Compagnie (ABC), an independent local brewery. This comeback symbolizes not only a reaffirmation of the brand's commitment to Antwerp's brewing tradition but also the revival of an Antwerp story that began in 1909 when John Martin established the home of British beers in Antwerp's port. This collaboration was bolstered by innovation and the introduction of the "hop-gun," a hopping technique that releases fresher hop aromas without the bitterness associated with boiling, allowing Martin's Pale Ale – and the entire IPA range – to stand out in the market.

### **Innovation at the core of the strategy**

Anthony Martin fosters creative, intuitive, and unconventional thinking within the organization, encouraging an approach based on his mantra: "Rules are there to be broken." This philosophy has led to numerous innovations and bold designs, making the group a true avant-gardist in the industry.

Under Anthony's leadership, assisted by three of his children, the company symbolizes a new era of growth while remaining faithful to the Martin family's cherished values of tradition and quality. They continue to adapt and expand their influence, demonstrating an ability to innovate while respecting their heritage. The company remains committed to pursuing this tradition of excellence, exploring new avenues in the brewing industry while honoring its past.



## **8. LHOIST – FLUXYS – EQUINOR**

### **Equinor, Fluxys and Lhoist cooperate to implement an integrated logistics chain for Carbon Capture Transport and Storage**

The Lhoist Group, one of the world's leading producers of lime, dolime and mineral solutions, today announces two major partnerships: an Engineering Agreement with Fluxys c-grid and a Letter of Intent with Equinor.

Fluxys and Equinor have launched a major infrastructure project for transporting captured CO<sub>2</sub> from emitters to permanent and safe storage sites in the North Sea, connecting Belgium to Norway. And this project is perfectly in line with Lhoist's commitment to decarbonize its activities. The fight against global warming is a European priority, with a target of a 55% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050. With this ambitious target in mind, Lhoist considers Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) projects in some of its Belgian sites and beyond as a strong opportunity to achieve this objective.

By signing a Letter of Intent, Equinor and Lhoist aim to confirm their intention to collaborate for the transportation and permanent storage of Lhoist's CO<sub>2</sub> emitted, enabling Equinor to progress in the development of this large-scale offshore pipeline transport and storage project, CO<sub>2</sub> Highway Europe.

By signing an Engineering Agreement, Lhoist and Fluxys aim to formalize their collaboration, enabling Fluxys c-grid to launch the detailed engineering on the backbone connecting Lhoist sites and an exit point towards a permanent sequestration sink.

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#### **About Equinor**

Equinor is an international energy company committed to long-term value creation in a low-carbon future. Our purpose is to turn natural resources into energy for people and progress for society. Equinor's portfolio of projects encompasses oil and gas, renewables and low-carbon solutions, with an ambition of becoming a net-zero energy company by 2050. Headquartered in Stavanger (Norway), Equinor is the leading operator on the Norwegian continental shelf. We are present in around 30 countries worldwide.

#### **About Fluxys**

Headquartered in Belgium, Fluxys is a fully independent infrastructure group with 1,300 employees active in gas transmission & storage and liquefied natural gas terminalling. Through its associated



companies across the world, Fluxys operates 28,000 kilometres of pipeline and liquefied natural gas terminals totalling a yearly regasification capacity of 380 TWh.

As part of the Fluxys group, Fluxys c-grid, founded in 2023 together with Pipelink, Socofe and SFPIM, is ready to be a candidate for the planning, development and operation of the CO2 transmission infrastructure on the Belgian territory.

#### **About Lhoist**

The Lhoist Group is one of the world's leading producers of lime, dolime and mineral solutions. Minerals and lime play an essential role in everyday life in many areas such as the steel industry, water treatment, flue gas treatment, construction and civil engineering, agriculture, glass, paper production, etc. Lhoist is a family-owned Belgian company, founded in 1889, with 135 sites and terminals, 6,650 employees worldwide, and sales in more than 80 countries. Belgium plays a key role for the Lhoist Group, as its headquarters as well as its global business and innovation center are based in the country. Lhoist employs 680 people throughout Wallonia, at its headquarters in Limelette, Corbais and Nivelles, and at its four production sites in Hermalle, Marche-les-Dames, On-Jemelle and Villers-Le-Gambon.

### **9. N-SIDE – STATNETT**

#### **N-SIDE and Statnett sign MoU to tackle offshore wind integration**

**N-SIDE, a Belgian global provider of optimization software and services for energy and life sciences industries, and Statnett, Norway's state-owned operator of the high-voltage power transmission system, sign a Memorandum of Understanding to investigate and tackle jointly the challenges related to integrating offshore wind into the Norwegian power grid.**

The transition to a future energy system relies on large-scale renewable energy integration. Offshore wind energy plays a crucial role in this transformation, helping Europe's goal to become climate-neutral by 2050.

N-SIDE and Statnett agree to explore and potentially collaborate on R&D activities to develop advanced power system solutions and design market arrangements for offshore wind integration. This partnership aims to overcome the main challenges associated with integrating intermittent renewable energy sources into the power grid, and to innovate in this field.

N-SIDE will leverage its strong domain expertise in the energy sector and its knowledge in mathematical optimization and data-driven technologies, including AI and machine learning, to support Statnett in transitioning to a safe, reliable, and greener energy system.

### **10. NEOBULLES SA – HANS A. FLAATEN**

Neobulles SA is thrilled to announce its collaboration with Norwegian distribution company Hans A. Flaaten, to be formalized during the Princely Mission led by Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid, scheduled from June 16th to June 19th 2024, in Oslo, Norway.

Anne Stassen, Managing Director of Neobulles, and Carol Brugmans, Export Director, will officially sign a distribution contract for the Neobulles Vintense Brand with Hans A. Flaaten. This partnership marks



a significant milestone for Neobulles, highlighting its commitment to expanding into new markets and meeting the growing demand for non-alcoholic wine products.

Neobulles recognizes the immense potential of export markets, particularly in the non-alcoholic wine category, which has experienced remarkable growth in recent years. The company is grateful to have Hans A. Flaaten as a strategic partner, given its presence in both the On- and Off-Trade sectors. Neobulles looks forward to nurturing this collaboration, with plans to extend distribution across Norway and broaden the range of non-alcoholic wines offered.

The outlook for the Norwegian market in 2024 is promising, with rising consumer interest in beverage categories, especially those without alcohol. This trend reflects a growing consumer preference for healthier lifestyle choices and conscious consumption habits. According to Vinmonopolet's March 2024 report, sales of non-alcoholic beverages surpassed one million liters for the first time in 2023, experiencing a remarkable 20% growth. Sparkling beverages, including alcohol-free alternatives, have emerged as particularly popular choices among consumers.

The Economic Mission presents an opportune moment for Neobulles to formalize its longstanding partnership with Hans A. Flaaten through the signing of a collaboration contract. This agreement symbolizes a shared commitment to mutual success and embodies values such as trust and respect, integral to both companies' family-oriented ethos.

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## **11. PORT OF ANTWERP-BRUGES – FLUXYS**

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## **12. ROLLS-ROYCE SOLUTIONS LIEGE – BERTEL O. STEEN**

**ONLY IN FRENCH**

La société RRSL située à Grâce-Hollogne, Belgique, est fière d'annoncer la signature d'un contrat pour la fabrication, la livraison et la mise en service de 3 UPS dynamiques destinés à protéger les installations critiques du nouveau Life Science Building situé à Oslo contre toute coupure de courant. Les UPS dynamiques présentent la particularité de pouvoir fournir de l'énergie électrique sans temps de coupure et ainsi protéger efficacement tout équipement ne pouvant supporter une coupure électrique sans préjudice important.

Les machines seront testées dans l'usine de RRSL en présence des contractants impliqués et des responsables du projet puis seront livrées sur site début 2025.

L'installation du système sera prise en charge par BOS Power qui est le Distributeur de Rolls-Royce Power Systems pour les pays nordiques.





Les ingénieurs de RRSL et BOS Power réaliseront ensuite la mise en service de l'ensemble sur le site du bâtiment Life Science.

RRSL se développe en Europe du Nord grâce au support de son Distributeur BOS Power présent dans chacun des pays nordiques et les partenaires viennent de signer en mars un autre contrat important au Danemark.

### **13. UHASSELT (HASSELT UNIVERSITY) – NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES**

The Norwegian University of Life Sciences and Hasselt University wish to engage in a joint master program in Nuclear Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation. The program aims to train student to address the large needs of specialized workers to support decommissioning and environmental remediation works. Step by step the aim is to develop, via an Erasmus Mundus project, a two-year Master in Nuclear Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation that will train future workers from Europe and beyond to support safety, radiation and environmental protection for worldwide decommission and environmental remediation works.

### **14. UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES – UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP – UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN – UNIVERSITY OF OSLO**

The University of Bergen, the University of Oslo, the University of Antwerp, and the Université libre de Bruxelles, are signing a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen their collaborations in the field of infectious diseases immunology and vaccinology and to coordinate their efforts for pandemic preparedness in Europe. The four universities have established collaborative links and already participate in several international projects in vaccinology. Through this MOU, the four institutions want to further facilitate their collaborations and set up agreements to further promote the mobility of scientists, the exchange of research technologies and reagents, and the conduct of joined research projects. The intensification of collaborative efforts in Europe is a central component of preparedness for future pandemics.

### **15. UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP – THE ARCTIC UNIVERSITY OF NORWAY**

On 19 June 2024, on the occasion of the Belgian Economic Mission to Norway and in the presence of Her Highness Princess Astrid, the University of Antwerp and the Arctic University of Norway will sign an exchange agreement for staff and student mobility between their Faculties of Law. By signing this agreement, they wish to expand cooperation between the institutions in important domains of law. In their education and research, both faculties focus on contemporary legal challenges in areas such as sustainability, vulnerability, governance, and responsibility, particularly related to children, indigenous people, business, and climate. The agreement covers five years.

### **16. VON KARMAN INSTITUTE FOR FLUID DYNAMICS (VKI) – NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NTNU)**

The von Karman Institute for Fluid Dynamics (VKI) is proud to conclude a Bilateral Inter-Institutional agreement with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). This agreement fosters collaboration under the Erasmus+ program, enabling the exchange of students and staff between the



two prestigious institutions. VKI, located in Sint-Genesius-Rode in Belgium, is a world leader in fluid dynamics research and education in the fields of aeronautics and aerospace, turbomachinery and propulsion, and the environment and industrial processes. VKI offers advanced training programs to over 200 students each year and has 140 researchers and staff. Funded by 16 NATO countries, the Belgian government, and private research funding, VKI continues to push the boundaries of knowledge in its field. NTNU is an international oriented university with headquarters in Trondheim and campuses in Gjøvik and Ålesund. NTNU has a main profile in science and technology, a variety of programmes of professional study, and great academic breadth that also includes the humanities, social sciences, economics, medicine, health sciences, educational science, architecture, entrepreneurship, art disciplines and artistic activities.

#### **17. VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (VUB) – NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NTNU)**

Norway and Belgium are pioneers in the domain of (floating) offshore wind and green hydrogen both from an industrial as from a research point of view. These novel industrial applications play a crucial role in the EU green deal and energy transition in general. The MOU consolidates the existing research collaboration between VUB and NTNU in these domains. Examples are: running double degree PhD programs as well as the novel Sustainable Blue Economy EU project “Inspire”. The latter targets optimized co-design and steering of (floating) offshore wind farms and green hydrogen production units to optimize capex costs, O&M costs and more specifically target a reduced use of rare earth materials. The latter is important to maximize security of supply and minimize dependence on international sourcing of such materials.

Furthermore, the MOU allows to take the next steps towards more double degree PhD research, staff and student mobility as well as industrial impact of joint research in Norway and Belgium.

#### **18. ZINGAMETALL BV x CONSOLVO AS**

ZINGAMETALL Belgium, manufacturer and exporter of the unique film galvanizing system ZINGA is pleased to hand over their chart of the best and most dedicated ZINGA APPROVED APPLICATOR to CONSOLVO AS for their 10 years of professionalism and outstanding technical skills and knowledge in applying the ZINGA Product to protect several steel bridges and structures against corrosion. ZINGAMETALL Belgium also wants to address special thanks to Mr. Thor SMETTE, CEO of ZINGA AS, the exclusive Distributor of the ZINGA Products in Norway and Sweden for already 13 years.

CONSOLVO was founded in 1981. Since then, they have experienced solid growth. CONSOLVO today consists of a number of companies in the same ownership structure directly under AF Gruppen, has around 280 employees and an annual turnover of around 550 M NOK (48 M EUR).

ZINGAMETALL BELGIUM exports the ZINGA Products in 120 countries through a network of 110 independent distributors. Its flagship ZINGA contains 96% pure zinc in its dry extract and provides a long-lasting and environmentally safe cathodic protection to steel structures as the best stand-alone anticorrosion coating solution.