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## Press Release

### **MYTILINEOS S.A. short listed for the final stage of the privatisation tender for Aluminium of Bosnia**

MYTILINEOS S.A. announces that in the tender procedure published by the Privatisation Authority of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the competent committee, after examining all non-binding tenders submitted, has chosen MYTILINEOS S.A. to be one of the four companies to participate in the next stage of the tender procedure.

The selection of MYTILINEOS S.A. for participation in the next stage of the tender procedure gains on additional significance considering the financial scale, know-how and global visibility of the other companies that also qualified for the final stage in this competitive procedure.

In particular, the list of the companies to compete for the project includes some of the world's largest multinationals in the commodities sector: EN + Group (an investment venture led by Oleg Deripaska, owner of UC RUSAL, the world's largest aluminium producer), Glencore International A.G. (the world's largest commodities company), and the giant India-based Vendata Resources PLC, a multinational traded on the London Exchange.

Aluminij d.d. Mostar is the second (after Aluminium of Greece) producer of primary aluminium products in the wider region of SE Europe. The company uses Pechiney technology and has a total electrolysis output capacity of 130,000 tons. It manufactures four types of aluminium products (piles, plates, sows and aluminium wire), and 86% of its products are sold on the international market. Aluminij d.d. Mostar employs 910 persons. Its turnover for 2006 stood at \$256.4 million, with earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) standing at \$21.3 million.

The interest of MYTILINEOS S.A. in acquiring 88% of the share capital of Aluminij d.d. Mostar is fully aligned with the Group's broader strategy for expansion into the base minerals sector. The Group's intention is to further strengthen Aluminij d.d. Mostar and to ensure, through continuous investments and through the transfer of know-how, the long-term viability of the company under privatisation.

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The due diligence procedure is expected to start within the next two weeks. The MYTILINEOS Group consists of leading companies active in Metallurgy & Mines, Energy, EPC Projects and the Defence Industry. Established in Greece in 1990, the Group's holding company, MYTILINEOS Holdings S.A., is listed on the Athens Exchange, has a consolidated turnover of approximately €1 billion and employs over 4,000 persons in Greece and abroad. For more details, please visit the Group's website at: [www.mytilineos.gr](http://www.mytilineos.gr).

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