## **Regulatory Announcement**

Company Accsys Technologies PLC

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HeadlineNotifiable InterestReleased1 March 2011Number0773C10



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### **ACCSYS TECHNOLOGIES PLC**

("Accsys" or "the Company")

### **Notifiable Interest**

The Company announces that it received the following notification on 1 March 2011:

# TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES<sup>1</sup>

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:		Accsys Technologies PLC	
2 Reason for the notification (please tick the ap	ppropri	ate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights			Х
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial in acquisition of shares already issued to which voti			
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with siminstruments	nilar eco	onomic effect to qualifying financial	
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights			
Other (please specify):			
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:		Al Rajhi Holdi	ngs W.L.L.
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):		Al Salam Opportunit	ies Limited
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: V		1 <sup>st</sup> N	1arch 2011

6. Date on which issuer notified:	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: vi, vii	Below 3%

8. Notified details:							
A: Voting rights attached to shares viii, ix							
Class/type of shares	Situation pro to the trigge transaction		Resulting si	tuation after	the triggerir	ng transaction	1
if possible using the ISIN CODE Number of of		Number of shares	Number of voting % of voting rights		rights *		
	Shares	Voting Rights	Direct	Direct xi	Indirect xii	Direct	Indirect
GB00BOLMC530	6,174,084	6,174,084	6,174,084	6,174,084		1.5%	

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments							
Resulting situation after	Resulting situation after the triggering transaction						
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date xiii	Exercise/ Conversion Period xiv	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights			

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments xv, xvi						
Resulting situation	after the trigg	gering transa	ction			
Type of financial instrument Exercise price Expiration date xvii Exercise/ Conversion period xviii Exercise/ Instrument refers to Expiration date xviii Exercise/ Conversion period xviii Exercise/ Instrument refers to Expiration date xviii Exercise/ Conversion period xviii Exercise/ Instrument refers to Expiration date xviii Exercise/ Exerci					j rights <sup>xix,</sup>	
					Nominal	Delta

Total (A+B+C)		
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights	
6,174,084	1.5%	

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: Mark the voting rights and/or the				
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#### **Notes to editors:**

Accsys Technologies PLC (<a href="www.accsysplc.com">www.accsysplc.com</a>) is an environmental science and technology company whose primary focus is on the production of Accoya® wood and technology licensing via its 100% owned subsidiary, Titan Wood Limited, which has manufacturing operations in Arnhem, the Netherlands, a European office in London and an Americas office in Dallas, Texas. Accsys Technologies' operations comprise three principal business units: (i) the Accoya® wood production facility located in Arnhem, The Netherlands; (ii) technology development, focused on a programme of continuous improvements to the process engineering and operating protocols for the acetylation of wood which are currently under development and the development of technology for the acetylation of wood fibre; and (iii) the licensing of technology for the production of Accoya® wood and Tricoya® wood elements across the globe.

Accoya® Wood (www.accoya.info) is produced by using a proprietary, non-toxic process that effectively converts sustainably grown softwoods and non-durable hardwoods into what is best described as a "high technology wood" via acetylation. Distinguished by its durability, dimensional stability and, perhaps most importantly of all, its reliability (in terms of consistency of both supply and quality), Accoya® wood is particularly suited to exterior applications where performance and appearance are valued. Unlike most woods, its colour does not degrade when exposed to sunlight. Moreover, the Accoya® wood production process does not compromise the wood's strength or machinability. The combination of UV resistance, dimensional stability, increased coatings life, durability and retained strength means that Accoya® wood offers a wealth of new opportunities to architects, designers and specifiers. Leading applications include external doors and windows, shutters/shading, siding and cladding, decking, outdoor furniture/equipment and glulam beams for structural use.

**Tricoya® Wood Elements** (<a href="www.tricoya.com">www.tricoya.com</a>) is Accsys Technologies' proprietary technology for the acetylation of wood fibres, chips, and particles for use in the fabrication of wood based composites, including panel products. These composites demonstrate enhanced durability and dimensional stability which allow them to be used in a variety of applications which were once limited to solid wood or man-made products. Tricoya® Wood Elements is lauded as the first major innovation in the wood composites industry in more than 30 years.

**Wood Acetylation** is a process, which increases the amount of 'acetyl' molecules in wood, thereby changing its physical properties. The environmentally responsible process protects wood from rot by making it "inedible" to most micro-organisms and insects, without - unlike conventional treatments - making it toxic. It also greatly reduces the wood's tendency to swell and shrink, making it less prone to cracking and ensuring that, when painted, it requires dramatically reduced maintenance. Acetylated wood's increased durability offers major carbon sequestration advantages, compared to other woods and man-made building materials such as steel, vinyl, and plastic.

**Wood Composites** include a range of derivative wood products which are manufactured by binding together the strands, particles, fibres, or veneers of wood together with adhesives to form composite materials. These products are engineered to precise design specifications which are tested to meet national or international standards.

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