## **Regulatory Announcement**

Company Accsys Technologies PLC

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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 a	ppropri	ate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights			
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached			
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with sin instruments	nilar ec	onomic effect to qualifying financial	
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights			
Other (please specify): FIRM Placing, Placing and Open Offer		Offer	Χ
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:		Invesco Limited.	
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):			
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: _\(^{\subset}\)		21 February 2011	

6. Date on which issuer notified:	22 February 2011
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: vi, vii	5%

8. Notified details:							
A: Voting rights attached to shares viii, ix							
Class/type of shares Situation previous to the triggering transaction transaction				1			
if possible using the ISIN CODE	Number of	Number of	Number Number of voting % of voting right		rights *		
	Shares	Voting Rights	Direct	Direct xi	Indirect xii	Direct	Indirect
Ord Euro 0.01							
	4,440,273	4,440,273			20,375,048		5.05%
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B: Qualifying Financial Instruments				
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 triggering transaction							
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date xvii	Exercise/ Conversion period xviii	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights XIX,		
					Nominal	Delta	

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
20,375,048	5.05%

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

Brown Brothers Harriman (New Jersey) – 69,834 Bank of New York – 13,586,752 Bank of New York Mellon (LU) – 6,718,462

Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	

13. Additional information:	Total Share Capital figure used for the above calculation <b>403,102,528</b>
14. Contact name:	Sam Edwards
15. Contact telephone number:	01491 416381

### **Ends**

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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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