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#### **ACCSYS TECHNOLOGIES PLC**

("Accsys" or the "Company")

### LICENCE OPTION AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Further to the announcement made on 25 January 2011, Accsys, the environmental science and wood technology company, is pleased to confirm that it has agreed an extension to the licence option agreement (the "Option Agreement") that was entered into with a major multinational corporation in January of this year.

Since entering into the Option Agreement, Accsys has made good progress with the counter-party towards a licence agreement pursuant to which rights over Accsys' proprietary acetylation technology may be granted in certain countries within Europe for the production and sale of Accoya® wood.

The extension to the Option Agreement will allow for further due diligence and detailed licence agreement negotiations to be completed. There can be no certainty that the parties will enter into a licence agreement and the detailed terms of any licence agreement, including payment of licence fees and royalties, are yet to be agreed.

Paul Clegg, CEO of Accsys commented: "Since signing the Option Agreement at the start of this year, we have spent a considerable amount of time successfully developing our commercial relationship with this counter-party at our production plant in the Netherlands, our offices in London and our counter-party's offices. We are extremely excited about the progress made and the opportunity that it presents as we move closer to agreeing licensing terms."

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#### **Notes to editors:**

Accsys Technologies PLC (www.accsysplc.com) 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 (www.tricoya.com) 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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