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# **Accsys Technologies PLC**

("Accsys", the "Group" or the "Company")

# **Refinancing of Group Debt Facilities**

Accsys, the fast-growing and eco-friendly company that combines chemistry and technology to create high performance, sustainable wood building products, today announces that it has completed the refinance of its Group debt facilities through a new bilateral agreement with ABN AMRO, one of Accsys' existing relationship banks.

The new €60m 3-year bilateral facilities agreement with ABN AMRO comprises a €45m Term Loan Facility and a €15m Revolving Credit Facility ('RCF'). The €45m Term Loan will be fully utilised to repay all of the Group's existing debt, with the exception of the NatWest facility held by the Tricoya® consortium which will remain in place.

The new facility significantly simplifies Accsys' debt structure, which previously included five different debt providers and commercial partners. The Term Loan is partially amortising, with 5% of the principal repayable per annum after 18 months. This, together with the RCF, will provide Accsys with greater liquidity to support the Group's growth plans.

The applicable interest rate for the Term Loan will vary between an all in cost of 1.75% and 3.25% depending on net leverage, resulting in a significant improvement compared to the previous facilities which had a weighted average cost of approximately 6%. The RCF interest rate will similarly vary, but between 2.0% and 3.5% above EURIBOR.

The new facilities are secured against the assets of the Group which are 100% owned by the Company and include customary covenants such as net leverage and interest cover.

Rob Harris, Accsys CEO, said: "This refinancing provides Accsys with debt facilities on more attractive terms under a simpler debt structure, which reflects Accsys' development over recent years and its established track record of profitability. The new facilities give us both the flexibility and scope to meet our long-term corporate growth objectives, and we are pleased to agree these facilities with ABN AMRO, one of our long-standing banking partners."

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#### Notes to editors:

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Accoya<sup>®</sup> solid wood is sustainable, durable, and stable with exceptional performance, finish and sustainability. Accsys' proprietary acetylation process makes the wood more dimensionally stable and because it is no longer easily digestible, extremely durable. It is one of very few building materials to be Cradle to Cradle Certified ™ at the Gold level, with a Platinum rating for Material Health, confirming that no harmful or toxic additives or chemicals are present to leach out into the environment. Primary applications for Accoya® wood include windows, doors, cladding and decking, where the combination of performance and sustainability benefits compete favorably against hardwoods, plastics, metals and concrete. Visit www.accoya.com

**Tricoya**® acetylated wood elements are produced for use in the fabrication of panel products such as medium density fibreboard (MDF). Panel products made with Tricoya® wood elements are truly durable and stable enough for use outdoors and in wet environments, unlocking new possibilities for design and construction. They have been lauded as the first major innovation in the wood composites industry in more than 30 years and bring the flexibility of traditional panel products and sustainability benefits of wood to a whole new range of applications. Visit <a href="https://www.tricoya.com">www.tricoya.com</a>

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