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## **Public Offer for Kverneland ASA Cleared Under EU Merger Regulations**

As announced in the press release on January 26, 2012 titled “Final Result of a Public Offer for Kverneland ASA”, KUBOTA Corporation (Headquarters: Osaka, Japan; Chairman and President: Yasuo Masumoto, hereinafter “KUBOTA”) announced that the acceptance period in KUBOTA’s public offer (hereinafter “the Offer”) for all shares in Kverneland ASA (Headquarters: Kverneland, Kingdom of Norway; President and CEO: Ingvald Løyning, hereinafter “Kverneland”) to acquire Kverneland through an acquisition vehicle, KUBOTA Norway Holdings AS (Headquarters: Oslo, Kingdom of Norway), at the offer price of NOK10.50 per each Kverneland’s share closed at 17:30 (Central European Standard Time) on January 20, 2012, which resulted in acceptance of 78.95% of outstanding shares of Kverneland (121,826,645 shares).

The Offeror has on February 29, 2012 received notice that the Offer has been cleared under the EU Merger Regulations.

Upon the receipt of this notice, KUBOTA plans to settle the Offer and make Kverneland its subsidiary within ten business days (by March 14, CET) in accordance with the offer document of the Offer. Also, within four weeks after the completion of settlement, KUBOTA Norway Holdings AS will implement a mandatory offer with an acceptance period of between four and six weeks for the shares not accepted before the end of the offer period, pursuant to chapter 6 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act.

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