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## NYSE LIFFE TO LAUNCH EQUITY OPTIONS ON APERAM

*Amsterdam, 31 January 2011* – Today NYSE Liffe, the Europe-based derivatives business of NYSE Euronext (NYX), announced that it will add options on the shares of Aperam (ticker symbol: APAM) to its highly successful range of equity option classes. The launch of these options follows the successful listing of Aperam, the demerged stainless, electrical and specialty steel activities of ArcelorMittal, which took place on January 26. On the same day Aperam was also included in the AEX-index. The Aperam options will be introduced on the Amsterdam derivatives market of NYSE Liffe.

Alan van Griethuysen, Business Head Benelux and Asia of NYSE Liffe commented: “With the listing of options on Aperam we are further expanding our equity option franchise on the central market. We are pleased investors in Aperam will also have access to our liquid and highly competitive options market.”

These new American-style options will expire on the third Friday of the contract month and will have initial lifetimes of one to twelve months. Each option will represent 100 shares in Aperam and will be cleared via LCH.Clearnet SA. Liquidity in the options will be supported by market makers 323 Trading, Caerus and Kemp Trading. Trading will take place on LIFFE CONNECT®.

In 2010, 175 million equity options were traded on NYSE Liffe. Almost 50% of this volume was traded on the Amsterdam market. NYSE Liffe lists stock options (also known as individual equity options) on over 250 leading European companies via the Amsterdam, Belgian, London and Paris central order books.

### **About NYSE Euronext**

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### **About Aperam**

Aperam is a global player in stainless, electrical and specialty steel, with operations in more than 30 countries. The business is organized in three divisions: Stainless & Electrical Steel, Service & Solutions, Alloys & Specialties. Aperam has 2.5 million tonnes of flat stainless steel capacity in Europe and Brazil and is a leader in high value added niches - alloys and specialties. Aperam has also a highly integrated distribution, processing and services network and a unique capability to produce stainless and specialty from low cost Biomass (charcoal). Its industrial network is concentrated in 6 main plants located in Brazil, Belgium and France. Aperam has about 9,800 employees. Aperam commits to operate in a responsible way with respect to health, safety and wellbeing of its employees, contractors and the communities in which it operates. It is also committed to the sustainable management of the environment and of finite resources. In 2009, Aperam had revenues of USD 4.2 billion and shipments of 1.45 million tonnes. For more information, please visit: [www.aperam.com](http://www.aperam.com)