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The following media release was issued by Axalta Coating Systems Ltd. in connection with the pending merger of equals transaction between Axalta Coating Systems Ltd. and Akzo Nobel N.V.:

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Update on the UK Competition and Markets Authority's review of the AkzoNobel-Axalta merger

AMSTERDAM and PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Akzo Nobel N.V. (AKZA; AKZOY) ("AkzoNobel") and Axalta Coating Systems Ltd. (NYSE:AXTA) ("Axalta") are considering the UK Competition and Markets Authority's ("CMA") Phase 1 decision regarding their proposed merger. The CMA's assessment identifies competition concerns solely relating to the supply of vehicle refinish ("VR") coatings in the UK. AkzoNobel and Axalta aim to address this with the same remedy proposal as included in the decision by the European Commission.

AkzoNobel and Axalta have already agreed with the European Commission on a targeted package of undertakings involving the divestment of AkzoNobel's European VR coatings business, including its UK business. The companies will continue to engage constructively with both the European Commission and the CMA on this remedy package. AkzoNobel and Axalta remain confident that the merger will be completed by early 2027.

The combination will bring together two leading coatings companies with complementary portfolios, technologies and brands, creating a global coatings company with approximately $17 billion in revenue and a broad portfolio across Powder Coatings, Aerospace Coatings, Refinish, Mobility, Marine and Protective Coatings, Industrial Coatings and Decorative Coatings.

About AkzoNobel

Since 1792, we've been supplying the innovative paints and coatings that help to color people's lives and protect what matters most. Our world class portfolio of brands – including Dulux, International, Sikkens and Interpon – is trusted by customers around the globe. We're active in more than 150 countries and use our expertise to sustain and enhance everyday life. Because we believe every surface is an opportunity. It's what you'd expect from a pioneering and long-established paints company that's dedicated to providing more sustainable solutions and preserving the best of what we have today – while creating an even better tomorrow. Let's paint the future together.

About Axalta

Axalta is a global leader in the coatings industry, providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable coatings solutions. From light vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, building facades and other industrial applications, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enhance durability. With more than 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, the global team at Axalta continues to find ways to serve our more than 100,000 customers in over 140 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit axalta.com and follow us on LinkedIn.

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