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Update on the European Commission Phase II Proceedings

BROOMFIELD, Colo., Oct. 1, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- On Feb. 19, 2015, the Boards of Ball Corporation ("Ball") (NYSE: BLL) and Rexam PLC ("Rexam") announced the terms of a recommended cash and share offer by Ball UK Acquisition Limited ("Bidco"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ball, for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Rexam (the "Offer Announcement").

Today, Ball confirms that it received a Statement of Objections (SO) from the European Commission in relation to its proposal to buy Rexam.

Ball takes note of the European Commission's provisional objections and concerns as outlined in the SO.

Furthermore, Ball values the insight which the SO brings on the on-going EU regulatory process. It is the view of Ball that the concerns raised in the SO allow the parties to develop the appropriate and adequate remedy package to bring about the successful clearance by the EU's competition authority of this proposed acquisition.

It is expected that all necessary regulatory clearances will be obtained to enable the proposed acquisition to close during the first half of 2016. Following closing of the transaction, Ball will remain a New York Stock Exchange listed company domiciled in the U.S.

Terms used in this announcement which are otherwise undefined have the same meaning as those defined in the Offer Announcement.

About Ball Corporation

Ball Corporation supplies innovative, sustainable packaging solutions for beverage, food and household products customers, as well as aerospace and other technologies and services primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ 14,500 people worldwide and reported 2014 sales of \$8.6 billion. For more information, visit www.ball.com, or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Key risks and uncertainties are summarized in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Exhibit 99 in our Form 10-K, which are available on our website and at www.sec.gov. Factors that might affect: a) our packaging segments include product demand fluctuations; availability/cost of raw materials; competitive packaging, pricing and substitution; changes in climate and weather; crop yields; competitive activity; failure to achieve productivity improvements or cost reductions; mandatory deposit or other restrictive packaging laws; customer and supplier consolidation, power and supply chain influence; changes in major customer or supplier contracts or loss of a major customer or supplier; political instability and sanctions; and changes in foreign exchange or tax rates; b) our aerospace segment include funding, authorization, availability and returns of government and commercial contracts; and delays, extensions and technical uncertainties affecting segment contracts; c) the company as a whole include those listed plus: changes in senior management; regulatory action or issues including tax, environmental, health and workplace safety, including U.S. FDA and other actions or public concerns affecting products filled in our containers, or chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process; technological developments and innovations; litigation; strikes; labor cost changes; rates of return on assets of the company's defined benefit retirement plans; pension changes; uncertainties surrounding the U.S. government budget, sequestration and debt limit; reduced cash flow; ability to achieve cost-out initiatives; interest rates affecting our debt; and successful or unsuccessful acquisitions and divestitures, including, with respect to the proposed Rexam PLC acquisition, the effect of the announcement of the acquisition on our business relationships, operating results and business generally; the occurrence of any event or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of our definitive agreement with Rexam PLC in respect of the acquisition; the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against us related to the definitive agreement with Rexam PLC; and the failure to satisfy conditions to completion of the acquisition of Rexam PLC, including the receipt of all required regulatory approvals.



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