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# Opening from September 20, 2013, to September 26, 2013 of the standing repurchase order for holders of the bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares

Following the reverse bookbuilding process made concurrently to the offering of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares (OCEANE) due September 18, 2018 (the "**Bonds**"), Soitec (the "**Company**" or "**Soitec**") has solicited through a reverse bookbuilding process conducted by Natixis, acting as sole Dealer Manager, indications of interests to sell from certain holders of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares due September 9, 2014 (the "**2014 OCEANE**"), representing approximately 42.75 % of the total nominal amount of the 2014 OCEANE initially issued.

The Company repurchased the 2014 OCEANE collected within the reverse bookbuilding on September 18, 2013.

After this reverse bookbuilding process, the number of 2014 OCEANE collected within the reverse bookbuilding representing more than 20% of the number of the 2014 OCEANE initially issued, the Company undertook, in order to ensure a fair treatment of all the 2014 OCEANE holders, to place a standing repurchase order on the market in France.

The Company will then place its standing repurchase order on the regulated market of NYSE Euronext in Paris from September 20, 2013 to September 26, 2013, i.e. during a period of five consecutive trading days, at the same price offered for the 2014 OCEANE repurchased through the reverse bookbuilding process, i.e. 8.55 euros per 2014 OCEANE. The standing repurchase transactions are conducted by Natixis.

Any holder wishing to sell its 2014 OCEANE should place a sell order at a price of 8.55 euros with its financial intermediary.

On September 26, 2013 after market, the Company will announce the total amount of repurchased 2014 OCEANE in a press release.

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The repurchased 2014 OCEANE will be cancelled in accordance with their terms of issuance and pursuant to applicable law.

The repurchase of the 2014 OCEANE is managed by Natixis, acting as sole Dealer Manager.

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