Lexmark commences tender offer for all outstanding shares of ReadSoft Tuesday, May 06, 2014 10:00:00 AM (GMT)

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 6, 2014 /PRNewswire/ --

- Lexmark International, Inc. (NYSE: LXK) today announced the commencement of a cash tender offer for all of the outstanding shares of Sweden-based ReadSoft (NASDAQ OMX: RSOF-B). The offer is \$6.11 in cash for each Series A and Series B share of ReadSoft for a price of approximately \$182 million, net of cash acquired¹. ReadSoft's Board of Directors has unanimously recommended in favor of Lexmark's tender offer, and it is also supported by ReadSoft's two largest shareholders.
- Upon successful completion of the tender offer, ReadSoft will be combined with Lexmark's Perceptive Software. With the addition of ReadSoft, Perceptive Software will significantly grow its software presence with additional document process automation capabilities and the expansion of its footprint in Europe.
- ReadSoft's technology and market presence will also complement Lexmark's Perceptive Software, strengthening its position as a leading provider of intelligent data capture software solutions for back office processes.
- ReadSoft is a leading global provider of software solutions that automate business processes, both
 on premise and in the cloud. Its software captures, classifies, sorts and routes both hard copy and
 digital business documents, provides approval workflows, and automatically extracts and verifies
 relevant data before depositing it into a customer's systems of record.
- ReadSoft is recognized in the industry for its strong integrations with leading ERP systems such as SAP and Oracle, for applications that include invoice processing, accounts payable automation and sales order processing. Its software also automates a wide variety of business processes that include claims, applications, and questionnaire processing across a number of targeted industry segments.
- ReadSoft has over 12,000 customers worldwide, operates in 70 countries and has more than 350 channel partners. ReadSoft also has many enterprise customers diversified across multiple industries, including manufacturing, retail, banking and insurance, and the public sector. Well-known enterprise customers include BASF, Siemens, Bosch, HSBC Bank, ING, Lego and John Deere.
- ReadSoft was founded in 1991 and has approximately 625 employees. The company is headquartered in Helsingborg, Sweden. Its full year 2013 revenue was approximately \$117² million.
- Completion of the tender offer is contingent upon acceptance by ReadSoft shareholders representing more than 90 percent of the total number of outstanding shares of ReadSoft, applicable regulatory clearances and other customary closing conditions. The tender offer is expected to close in the second guarter of 2014.
- This tender offer for the shares of ReadSoft demonstrates the consistent execution of Lexmark's
 capital allocation framework, which is to pursue acquisitions that strengthen and support the growth of
 Lexmark solutions capabilities, while returning more than 50 percent of free cash flow to shareholders,
 on average, through quarterly dividends and share repurchases. Since the first quarter of 2011,
 Lexmark has returned to shareholders \$733 million in the form of dividends and share repurchases.

Supporting Quotes:

"Our tender offer for the shares of ReadSoft supports Lexmark's ongoing strategy of building our high value solutions that help our customers manage their unstructured information challenges," said Paul Rooke, Lexmark chairman and chief executive officer. "The combination of ReadSoft and Perceptive Software will enhance our ability to create solutions that manage the ever-expanding forms of content, from traditional hard copy documents to mobile video and audio in today's digital business environment.

"The two companies are both strategically focused on developing industry-specific solutions, creating synergies that will help us develop unique offerings for our customers to capture, manage and access their information more efficiently," Rooke added.

"The ReadSoft team has built strong capture and business process technologies that are used by organizations around the world, particularly in Europe," said Scott Coons, Perceptive Software president and chief executive officer and Lexmark vice president. "ReadSoft will join Perceptive Software's global team of

process and content management experts, while its leadership in the European market will further strengthen Perceptive Software's global footprint."

"The Board of Directors of ReadSoft has carefully considered the offer and views Lexmark as an excellent owner committed to the further development of ReadSoft's business, and has therefore decided to recommend the shareholders to accept the tender offer from Lexmark," said Göran Larsson, chairman of the board of ReadSoft.

Conference Call Today

The company will be hosting a conference call with securities analysts today at 8:00 a.m. (EDT). A live broadcast and a complete replay of this call can be accessed from Lexmark's investor relations website at http://investor.lexmark.com. If you are unable to connect to the Internet, you can access the call via telephone at 888-693-3477 (outside the U.S. by calling 973-582-2710) using access code 41662896. Lexmark's ReadSoft tender offer presentation slides will be available on Lexmark's investor relations website prior to the live broadcast.

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1. Tender Offer is priced in Swedish krona. Price per share is SEK 40.05. Dollar price of \$6.11 per share is based on the Swedish krona currency exchange rate to the U.S. dollar as of 5/5/2014. The net price is based on 30,603,744 outstanding shares and includes payment for outstanding convertibles issued as part of ReadSoft's incentive programs for employees. Acquired cash and cash equivalents are as reported by

ReadSoft at the end of the first quarter of 2014. Excludes transactions fees.

2. As reported in ReadSoft's 2013 Annual Report prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in Swedish krona. Swedish krona currency exchange rate to the U.S. dollar as of 12/31/2013.

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