



## **WATERLAND PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENTS B.V. ANNOUNCES A €1.1 BILLION FINAL CLOSING FOR FIFTH FUND**

**BUSSUM, THE NETHERLANDS** (July 28, 2011) – Waterland Private Equity Investments B.V. (“Waterland”) is pleased to announce the final closing of its fifth institutional fund, Waterland Private Equity Fund V (“WPEF V”), at €1.1 billion, just five months after its initial launch. The support of existing investors combined with significant interest from new investors, caused the fund to be well oversubscribed, surpassing its initial target of €900 million.

WPEF V has attracted commitments from world class investors from the United States (39% of the fund), Europe (36% of the fund) and Asia Pacific (25% of the fund). Pension plans and sovereign wealth funds account for the majority of the investor base.

WPEF V expects to make control investments in quality companies in fragmented growth markets in the Benelux, Germany, Austria and Switzerland (DACH region) and Poland to finance organic and acquisitive growth. This is a continuation of the successful investment strategy applied to Waterland’s prior funds.

“We are pleased with the quality and diversity of the limited partners that have committed to our fund,” said Robert Thielen, Chairman. “The fundraising for WPEF V has been a success and we are grateful for the support of our existing investors and delighted with the caliber of new investors who have joined us in the partnership.”

MVision Private Equity Advisers acted as global placing agent and Clifford Chance is legal counsel to Waterland.

### **BACKGROUND ON WATERLAND PRIVATE EQUITY FUNDS**

Waterland is an independent private equity investment group that supports entrepreneurs in realizing their growth ambitions. With substantial financial resources and committed industry expertise, Waterland enables its portfolio companies to achieve accelerated growth both organically and through acquisitions.

Waterland is an active investor in the financial, strategic and operational sense. In the current dynamic business environment Waterland is a partner that provides entrepreneurs with a powerful position in the increasingly competitive international arena. As of today, Waterland has made investments in over 200 companies. Waterland currently has € 2.5 billion of equity.