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## Neoen launches an offering of green bonds convertible into new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares due 2027 for a nominal amount of €300 million and announces the early redemption of its outstanding c.€200 million convertible bonds due October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Neoen issues a new €300 million green convertible bond and exercises its option to redeem its c.€200 million convertible bonds due in October 2024
- Neoen's new green convertible bond due 2027 will be issued at par for a nominal amount of €300 million and will bear interest at a rate ranging from 2.625% to 3.125% from the Issue Date (as defined below). The bonds will have a denomination of €100,000. The conversion premium is expected to be between 30% and 35% over the reference share price
- Net proceeds of the new bonds will be allocated to finance or refinance renewable energy production and storage projects in consistency with Neoen's green bond framework, which is available on the Company's website

Neoen, hereinafter the **"Company"** or **"Neoen"**, (ISIN Code: FR0011675362, Ticker: NEOEN, Moody's ESG Solutions rating 65/100), one of the world's leading independent producers of exclusively renewable energy, announces today the launch of an offering of senior unsecured green bonds convertible into new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares of the Company due 2027 (the **"Bonds"**), by way of a placement to qualified investors only in accordance with Article L. 411-2, 1° of the French monetary and financial code (*Code monétaire et financier*), for a nominal amount of €300 million (the **"Offering"**). Concurrently with the Offering, Neoen is exercising its option to redeem its outstanding c.€200 million convertible bonds due 2024 issued on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (ISIN FR0013451820) (the **"Existing Bonds"**) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Existing Bonds (together with the Offering, the **"Transaction"**).

The net proceeds of the Offering will be allocated to finance or refinance renewable energy production and storage projects in consistency with Neoen's green bond framework dated May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and reviewed by Moody's ESG Solutions (formerly known as Vigeo Eiris).

**Xavier Barbaro, Chairman and CEO of Neoen, comments:** *"We are delighted that investors who subscribed to our previous convertible bond issue in 2019 are able to crystalize the value created by Neoen over the past 3 years. Through the launch of this new convertible bond issue, we are also extremely happy to enable new investors to take part in the financing of our future growth, in the buoyant environment surrounding the renewable energies, as well as giving them the opportunity to be associated with our environmental commitments, as this transaction meets the green bonds criteria. Neoen is proud to combine sustainable growth, social and environmental excellence and financial discipline."*

### Neoen Green Bond Framework

Neoen considers sustainable financing as a key tool to anchor its leadership in sustainability matters, and in particular climate change mitigation. Thus, Neoen has a strong record in sustainable financing. Following the signing of a €200 million ESG-linked syndicated loan in March 2020, increased to €250 million in 2022, Neoen issued the first ever European Green Convertible Bonds of a nominal amount of €170 million in May 2020.

The Bonds are issued out of the green bond framework dated May 2020 (the **"Framework"**), which was drafted in alignment with the Green Bond Principles 2018 administered by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), as confirmed by Vigeo Eiris (now Moody's ESG Solutions) in their Second Party Opinion (**"SPO"**).

In particular, the Framework provides detailed information in alignment with the four pillars of the Green Bond Principles:

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1. Process for selection of green projects: Neoen has established a green bond committee, composed of members of the executive committee as well as the head of financing and head of CSR, to be responsible for selecting eligible green projects
2. Use of Proceeds: proceeds of the green bonds will be allocated to finance or refinance renewable energy projects which include:
  - Construction and operation of electricity generation facilities that produce electricity from Solar PV or Wind Power with life cycle emissions lower than 100gCO<sub>2</sub>e/ kWh, declining to 0gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh by 2050
  - Construction and operation of facilities that store electricity and return it later in time, providing services to the network (excluding chemical energy storage or hydrogen storage)
3. Management of Proceeds: Neoen will set up a register for green bonds and has put in place internal processes to track the allocation of outstanding green bond proceeds to projects identified as eligible green projects
4. Reporting: Neoen intends to produce an allocation report as well as an impact report annually until full allocation of the green bond proceeds.

ICMA published an updated version of the Green Bond Principles in June 2021, and Neoen's Green Bond Framework remains aligned with current market practice and the key recommendations from ICMA.

Furthermore, the Second Party opinion from Vigeo Eiris assesses that the Framework follows the key recommendations from the Technical Expert Group (the "TEG") Final Report on the EU Taxonomy (dated March 2020), the main document related to the EU Taxonomy Regulation available at the time.

The EU Taxonomy Delegated Act on Climate Change Mitigation has since then been published and entered into force<sup>1</sup>, and the Technical Screening Criteria for Electricity generation from Solar PV and Wind Power and Storage of electricity were refined, but without impact on the eligibility of the green projects included in this transaction. The proceeds from today's green convertible bonds will therefore be allocated to projects aligned with the Technical Screening Criteria of the EU Taxonomy, in line with best market practice.

## Main terms of the Bonds

The Bonds will be issued with a denomination of EUR 100,000 (the "**Principal Amount**") each and will bear an interest at a rate ranging from 2.625% to 3.125% from the Issue Date, payable semi-annually in arrears on March 14<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> of each year (or on the following business day if this date is not a business day), and for the first time on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The conversion/exchange premium will be set between 30% to 35% above the reference price which is expected to be set as the volume weighted average price ("**VWAP**") of existing shares of the Company on the regulated market of Euronext in Paris ("**Euronext Paris**") between opening of trading on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the pricing of the Offering on the same day.

The Bonds will be issued at 100% of their Principal Amount. Unless previously converted, exchanged, redeemed or purchased and cancelled, the Bonds will be redeemed at par on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2027 (the "**Maturity Date**") (or on the following business day if this date is not a business day).

The Bonds may be redeemed prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the Company and at the option of the bondholders under certain conditions.

In particular, the Bonds may be fully redeemed earlier at par plus accrued interest, at the Company's option at any time from October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 until the Maturity Date, subject to a minimum of 30 (but not more than 90) calendar days prior notice, if the arithmetic average, calculated over a period of 20 consecutive trading days chosen by the Company from among the 40 consecutive trading days preceding the publication of the early redemption notice, of the daily products of the Company's volume weighted average price of the Shares on Euronext Paris on each trading day of the considered period and the applicable conversion/exchange ratio on each such trading day exceeds 130% of the Principal Amount.

Upon a Change of Control of the Company, a Free Float Event or a Delisting of the shares of the Company (as these terms are defined in the terms and conditions of the Bonds), all bondholders will have an option to request the redemption of the Bonds before the Maturity Date at their Principal Amount plus accrued but unpaid interests.

Bondholders will be granted a conversion/exchange right of the Bonds into new and/or existing shares of the Company (the "**Conversion/Exchange Right**") which they may exercise at any time from the Issue Date and until the 7<sup>th</sup> trading day (inclusive) preceding the Maturity Date or the relevant early redemption date.

<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/sustainable-finance-taxonomy-regulation-eu-2020-852/amending-and-supplementary-acts/implementing-and-delegated-acts\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/sustainable-finance-taxonomy-regulation-eu-2020-852/amending-and-supplementary-acts/implementing-and-delegated-acts_en)

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The conversion/exchange ratio is set at the Principal Amount divided by the prevailing initial conversion/exchange price, subject to subsequent adjustments (as set out in the terms and conditions of the Bonds).

The final terms of the Bonds are expected to be announced today and the settlement-delivery of the Bonds is expected to take place on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (the “**Issue Date**”).

Application will be made for the listing of the Bonds on Euronext Access<sup>TM</sup> of Euronext Paris to occur within 30 calendar days from the Issue Date.

Impala has informed the Company that it gives today the instruction to BNP Paribas S.A. to purchase Neoen shares on its behalf, for an amount of €20 million. BNP Paribas S.A. will execute this order independently, in the context of an irrevocable share purchase instruction, operating under a constraint to not purchase more than 25% of the daily volume of Neoen shares on the stock exchanges where Neoen shares trade. BNP Paribas will also act independently from the Global Coordinators. Considering the size of the buy order, it is expected to be executed over multiple trading days.

It is specified as necessary that neither Impala nor its executives and employees will be involved in the determination of the final conditions of the OCEANEs by the Chairman and CEO of the Company, acting on sub delegation of the Board of Directors.

## Lock-up undertaking

In the context of the Offering, the Company and Impala SAS will agree to a lock-up undertaking on the issuance or sale of shares or securities giving access to the share capital of the Company for a period starting from the announcement of the Offering and ending 90 calendar days after the Issue Date, subject to certain customary exceptions or waiver from the Global Coordinators of the Offering.

## Dilution

For illustrative purposes, based on a €300 million Offering, a €40.14 reference share price<sup>2</sup> and a 32.5% conversion premium corresponding to the mid-range of conversion/exchange premium, the dilution from the Offering would represent approximately 5.2% of the outstanding share capital, should the Company decide to exclusively deliver new shares upon exercise of the Conversion/Exchange Right.

## Redemption of Existing Bonds

As announced in a Notice to Bondholders published today on Neoen’s website, the Company will proceed on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Existing Bonds, with the early redemption in cash at the Early Redemption Price, i.e., €30.203 (of which €0.033 accrued interest) per Existing Bond, of all of the Existing Bonds that will be outstanding on that date. Assuming that all the Bondholders opt for the exercise of their Conversion/Exchange Right, a maximum of 7,146,170 new Neoen shares would be issued, representing 6.66% of the Company’s share capital, should the Company decide to exclusively deliver new shares upon exercise of the Conversion/Exchange Right.

## Legal framework of the Offering and placement

The Offering of the Bonds will be conducted solely by way of an accelerated bookbuilt placement in France and outside of France (excluding in particular the United States, Canada, Australia and Japan), to qualified investors only in accordance with Article L. 411-2, 1° of the French monetary and financial code (*Code monétaire et financier*), as per the 18<sup>th</sup> resolution approved by the Company’s extraordinary general meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Existing shareholders of the Company shall have no preferential subscription rights (nor priority subscription period) in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or the underlying new shares of the Company issued upon conversion.

Neoen’s Framework and the Second Party Opinion are available online at:

- <https://neoen.com/en/investors/>

## Available information

The Offering of the Bonds is not subject to a prospectus approved by the French Financial Market Authority (*Autorité des marchés financiers*) (the “**AMF**”). Detailed information on Neoen, including its business, results, prospects and

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<sup>2</sup> i.e. Neoen’s share price on Euronext Paris, at close of trading on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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related risk factors are described in the Company's universal registration document (*document d'enregistrement universel*) registered with the AMF on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 under number D. 22-0224 which is available, together with the Company's half-yearly financial report as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the press release of the half-year 2022 results as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the press releases and other regulated information about the Company, on Neoen's website ([www.neoen.com](http://www.neoen.com)).

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### About Neoen

Neoen is one of the world's leading independent producers of exclusively renewable energy. Neoen has close to 5.6 GW of solar, wind and storage capacity in operation or under construction in Australia, France, Finland, Mexico, El Salvador, Argentina, Ireland, Sweden, Portugal, Jamaica, Mozambique, and Zambia. The company is also active in Croatia, Canada, Ecuador and Italy. Neoen's flagship assets include France's most powerful solar farm in Cestas (300 MWp), and two of the world's largest lithium-ion batteries: Hornsdale Power Reserve (150 MW / 193.5 MWh) and the Victorian Big Battery (300 MW / 450 MWh), in Australia. Neoen is targeting more than 10 GW capacity in operation or under construction by the end of 2025. Neoen (ISIN Code: FR0011675362, ticker: NEOEN) is listed in Compartment A of the regulated market of Euronext Paris.

For more information: [www.neoen.com](http://www.neoen.com)

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