

Acquisition of own shares and options

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In application of art. 207 of the Royal Decree executing the Company Code and according to Article 6 of the law of May 2, 2007 on the disclosure of large shareholdings, UCB SA publishes having acquired 2,471,405 UCB shares on 17 August 2011 OTC at a price of € 30.3642. The highest Brussels stock exchange price on 17 August 2011 was € 30.665. UCB has also acquired (between 6 and 17 June 2011) 800,000 options on UCB shares as follows:

Purchase date	Expiry date	Exercise date	Number
Between 6 and 17	17 May 2013	each day until the	200,000
June 2011		expiry date	
	16 May 2014	each day until the	180,000
		expiry date	
	15 May 2015	each day until the	160,000
		expiry date	
	20 May 2016	each day until the	140,000
		expiry date	
	19 May 2017	each day until the	120,000
		expiry date	

As a consequence, the new weighted average number of ordinary shares^[1] (used to calculate the earnings per share of the company) as of today is 178.6 million versus 179.5 million as reported on 30th June 2011.

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[1] Weighted average number of ordinary shares: The number of ordinary shares outstanding at the beginning of the period, adjusted by the number of shares bought back or issued during the period, multiplied by a time-weighting factor.

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About UCB

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