



PRESS RELEASE

DEA CAPITAL BUYS A STAKE IN SIGLA LUXEMBOURG S.A., OWNER OF SIGLA S.r.l., ITALIAN CONSUMER CREDIT PLAYER.

Milan, August 9, 2007 – DeA Capital S.p.A. (“**DeA Capital**”) signed today an agreement (the “**Contract**”) with the Ettore Riello Group and other private investors to purchase, through a wholly owned subsidiary company, a 27.37% stake of Sigla Luxembourg S.A. (“**Sigla**”) capital, holding company controlling subsidiaries operating in the Italian consumer credit market. Sigla targets over 200 million Euros of outstanding credits by the end of 2007.

Following the closing, expected for the end of October 2007, DeA Capital will underwrite reserved capital increases in Sigla, which will increase its stake up to 34% of the capital of the company.

At the same time, DeA Capital also signed a shareholders’ agreement with Palamon Capital Partners LP, private equity fund that owns the majority of Sigla, with the objective to rule the company corporate governance and the shareholders exit mechanisms.

The total investment may reach in the future a maximum of 38 million Euros following the reserved capital increases and will be fully financed through DeA Capital available liquidity.

Paolo Ceretti, CEO of DeA Capital, stated: “The investment in Sigla is an important milestone in the development of DeA Capital portfolio. We believe the growing perspectives of Sigla be very promising in a sector in which we are particularly interested”.

Vieri Bencini, CEO of Sigla, stated: “With the support of DeA Capital and Palamon we want to build a leading company offering consumer credit products focused on the near prime segment. The new shareholders will additionally strengthen the growth prospects of the company, the product offering and the distribution channels”.

For specific information on Sigla visit www.siglacredit.it

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