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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007 BUYBACK PLAN APPROVED FOR PROPOSAL AT SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

- **NAV € 2.78 per share (up from € 2.61 per share at December 31, 2007)**
- **Net Financial Assets € 415.9 million (up from € 238.2 million at December 31, 2006), prior to the investments announced during February 2008**
- **Net profit of € 10.7 million (compared to € 86.5 million for 2006, which included profits from investments sold during the year)**

*Milan, March 13, 2008* - **The Board of Directors of DeA Capital S.p.A.** met today under the chairmanship of L. Pellicoli, to review and approve the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Group and the Parent Company at December 31, 2007. The Parent Company financial statements will be presented to the Shareholders' Meeting to be held on April 16, 2008.

### Financial Statements at December 31, 2007

Of note, in the results currently under review, the value of the investment portfolio, is € 7.4 million lower than disclosed in the preliminary results for Q4 2007 published on February 14, 2008 (mainly due to adjustments to the value of funds, and, to a lesser extent, of direct investments).

At the end of the 2007 financial year, the NAV was € 853 million, being € 2.78 per share, compared to € 2.61 per share at December 31, 2006.

The increase in the NAV during the twelve months of 2007 reflects the evolution of the value of the investment portfolio, the positive results of cash management, and the increase in share capital carried out during the third quarter of the year.

### Investments

At December 31, 2007, the investment portfolio had a total value of € 433.2 million, up from € 29.3 million at December 31, 2006.

### Net Financial Position

At December 31, 2007 the Group had a positive net financial position of € 415.9 million, up from € 238.2 million at December 31, 2006. This increase is largely due to the following events:

- Sales of investments for € 4.9 million;
- Investments of € 39.4 million made in IDeA I Fund of Funds, net of reimbursements received;
- Increase in DeA Capital share capital of € 585 million, net of expenses;
- Investment of around € 349.3 million in Santé, controlling shareholder in Générale de Santé;
- Investment in Sigla Luxembourg of around € 31.4 million.

The Net Financial Position does not take account of investments announced during February 2008 which are currently being finalized, i.e. investments in Migros Turk and IDeA Alternative Investments, and a commitment to the IDeA Co-investment Fund I.

### Group Net Profit

For 2007, the Group recorded consolidated net profit of € 10.7 million, against € 86.5 million for 2006, which was greatly influenced by capital gains of € 70 million realized on the sale of the controlling shareholding in Cdb Web Tech International LP and Cdb Private Equity to Pantheon Ventures Ltd.

## IAS 1 Statement of Performance

The **IAS 1 Statement of Performance**, i.e. the sum of the Group's net profit as per the Income Statement and and Net Income recognized directly in equity, showed profit of € 5.6 million, compared to a profit of € 45.7 million for the same period of 2006, which was affected by the capital gains detailed above.

The Board of Directors has decided to propose to the Shareholders' Meeting that the profit of DeA Capital SpA, totaling € 11,946,945, be entirely allocated to the Legal Reserve.

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The Board of Directors has also decided to propose for the approval of the Shareholders' Meeting a buyback plan for DeA Capital shares, up to 10% of the share capital (30,661,210 ordinary shares).

With this buyback plan, the intention is to give the Company the flexibility needed to pursue the following objectives:

- Stabilize the share trading, ensuring more liquidity and more control of volatility;
- Offer a further instrument to shareholders for the monetization of their investment;
- Acquire treasury shares to use in incentive plans;
- Acquire shares to be used in future transactions relating to capital and other strategic transactions.

The proposal provides for the shares to be acquired using all methods allowed under current regulations, excluding public offers in cash and shares. DeA Capital will also be able to use the shares acquired for trading, in order to exploit opportunities to maximize the value derived from market performance. The buyback is not intended to reduce Company share capital.

The authorization for the buy-back will be requested at the Shareholders' Meeting for a period of 18 months, with effect from the date of authorization. The acquisitions will be carried out at a maximum price of € 2.90 per share, and at a price no lower than the nominal value of € 1, for a total maximum investment of € 88.9 million. Shares shall not be sold for less than € 1 each.

The Shareholders Meeting will also be required to authorize the disposal of acquired shares with no time limit.

The Company currently holds 1,000 treasury shares.

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The Board of Directors has decided to call the Shareholders' Meeting, in ordinary session, on April 16, 2008 at 11.00 am or in second call at the same time on April 18, 2008, with the following agenda:

- 1) DeA Capital SpA financial statements at December 31, 2007, with related discussion, including the allocation of profit and treatment of reserves.
- 2) Authorization to acquire and sell treasury shares in accordance with Art. 2357 and 2357C of the Italian Civil Code, with related discussions.
- 3) Appointment of a Director and the determination of fees for this Director.

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The Report of the Board of Directors in compliance with the Corporate Governance Code for listed companies for 2007 has been approved.

All documentation will be made available to the public, in keeping with current regulations, before April 1, 2008, at Company headquarters and on the website [www.deacapital.it](http://www.deacapital.it).

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**DeA Capital** is a private equity investment company listed on the Milan Stock Exchange. It is a 58.2% subsidiary of De Agostini SpA, which acquired a majority shareholding in the company in 2007 with the aim of turning it into a vehicle, where it could concentrate all the Group's investments, both direct and indirect investments (i.e. funds and funds of funds, in the private equity and alternative investments sector. [www.deacapital.it](http://www.deacapital.it)

The Manager responsible for the preparation of the company accounting statements, Manolo Santilli, declares that pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Article 154b of the Financial Securities Act, the accounting information contained in this document corresponds to the Company's documents, books and records.

Attached are the consolidated balance sheet and income statement at December 31, 2007.

The financial statements were not audited by any independent auditors or by the Board of Statutory Auditors.

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Euro thousand)

	31.12.2007	31.12.2006
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
<i><b>Intangible and tangible assets</b></i>		
Intangible assets	7	18
Property, plant and equipment	194	64
Total intangible and tangible assets	201	82
<i><b>Investments</b></i>		
Investments accounted for using the equity method	365.995	-
Other companies-available for sale	3.349	2.796
Venture capital funds-available for sale	63.852	26.463
Receivables	-	-
Total Investments	433.196	29.259
<i><b>Other non-current assets</b></i>		
Deferred tax assets	3.790	15
Other non-current assets	-	-
Total other non current assets	3.790	15
Total non current assets	<b>437.187</b>	<b>29.356</b>
<b>Attivo corrente</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	403.264	95.915
Current financial assets-FVTPL	-	63.671
Receivables	14.948	79.194
Total current assets	418.212	238.780
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>418.212</b>	<b>238.780</b>
<b>Assets held for sale</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.969</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>855.399</b>	<b>271.105</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	306.611	102.157
Share premium reserve	441.801	8.036
Legal reserve	20.432	20.398
Fair Value reserve	36	6.338
Other reserves	- 4.669	43.546
Translation reserve	16	(146)
Retained earnings (losses)	78.022	42
Profit/(loss) for the year	10.717	86.498
<b>Net equity Group</b>	<b>852.966</b>	<b>266.868</b>
Minority interests	-	-
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>852.966</b>	<b>266.868</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-
Provisions for risks and charges	66	-
Provisions for employee termination benefits	52	75
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Short term financial payables	-	-
Trade payables	1.343	2.531
Current tax and social payables	942	412
Other payables	30	213
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2.315</b>	<b>3.156</b>
<b>Liabilities held for sale</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.006</b>
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>855.399</b>	<b>271.105</b>

# Consolidated Income Statement

(Thousand Euro)

## NET FINANCIAL INCOME/(EXPENSES) ON NON-CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### CAPITAL GAINS ON INVESTMENTS from:

Investments  
Venture capital funds available for sale

### CAPITAL LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS from:

Investments  
Venture capital funds available for sale  
Shares

### IMPAIRMENT from:

Investments  
Venture capital funds available for sale

### SHARE OF PROFIT (LOSS) OF ASSOCIATES (EQUITY METHOD)

Share of profit (loss) of associates (equity method)

## NET FINANCIAL INCOME/(EXPENSES) ON NON-CURRENT ACTIVITIES

## NET FINANCIAL INCOME (EXPENSES) ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### FINANCIAL INCOME from:

Dividends and income from investments  
Interest income  
Income from shares held for sale  
Income from derivative contracts  
Other income  
Exchange gains realized  
Exchange gains unrealized

### FINANCIAL EXPENSES from:

Interest expense  
Loss on ordinary activities  
Loss on shares held for sale  
Derivative contracts expense  
Other financial expenses  
Exchange losses realized  
Exchange losses unrealized

## NET FINANCIAL INCOME (EXPENSES) ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES

## REVALUATIONS AND WRITEDOWNS OF CURRENT FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

### SHARES WRITEDOWNS from:

Share writedowns  
Current financial activity-Other  
Current financial activity-Shares

### SHARES REVALUATIONS from:

Share revaluations  
Current financial activity-Other  
Current financial activity-Shares

## REVALUATIONS AND WRITEDOWNS OF CURRENT FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## TOTALE PROVENTI, ONERI E RETTIFICHE DI VALORE DELLE ATTIVITA' (A)

### TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES from:

Operating revenues  
Other revenues

### TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES from:

Services  
Personnel  
Rentals and leases  
Depreciation, amortization and writedowns

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES (B)

## PROFIT(LOSS) BEFORE TAXES (A+B)

Income taxes

## PROFIT(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD

Result from discontinued operations-Group

## PROFIT(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD-GROUP

Minority interests

## PROFIT(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD-GROUP AND MINORITY INTERESTS

Earnings per share, basic

Earnings per share, diluted

Year 2007	Year 2006
<b>2.378</b>	<b>1.714</b>
0	69
2.378	1.645
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
0	0
0	0
0	0
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
0	0
0	0
<b>(7.223)</b>	<b>0</b>
(7.223)	
<b>(4.845)</b>	<b>1.714</b>
<b>23.450</b>	<b>16.483</b>
0	0
13.488	868
952	145
8.883	10.132
0	0
127	3.821
0	1.517
<b>(9.098)</b>	<b>(3.513)</b>
(865)	(1.023)
0	0
(132)	(7)
(287)	(1.017)
0	0
(7.678)	(1.424)
(136)	(42)
<b>14.352</b>	<b>12.970</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>(78)</b>
0	
0	(30)
0	(48)
<b>0</b>	<b>1.252</b>
0	0
0	1.252
<b>0</b>	<b>1.174</b>
<b>9.507</b>	<b>15.858</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>1.422</b>
	1.332
36	90
<b>(4.056)</b>	<b>(6.302)</b>
(2.533)	(3.199)
(1.348)	(2.449)
(114)	(606)
(61)	(48)
<b>(4.020)</b>	<b>(4.880)</b>
<b>5.487</b>	<b>10.978</b>
3.753	(136)
<b>9.240</b>	<b>10.842</b>
1.537	75.656
<b>10.777</b>	<b>86.498</b>
	0
<b>10.777</b>	<b>86.498</b>
0,05	0,86
0,05	0,86

## Balance Sheet-DeA Capital S.p.A.

(Euro thousand)

### ASSETS

#### Non-current assets

##### *Intangible and tangible assets*

Intangible assets	7.227	17.943
Property, plant and equipment	194.117	43.438
Total intangible and tangible assets	201.344	61.381

##### *Investments*

Subsidiaries	166.415	292.986
Other companies-available for sale	3.348.798	2.795.831
Venture capital funds-available for sale	22.487.318	26.463.131
Receivables	431.600.000	-
Total Investments	457.602.531	29.551.948

##### *Other non-current assets*

Deferred tax assets	3.789.644	-
Other non-current assets	-	-
Total other non current assets	3.789.644	-
Total non current assets	461.593.519	29.613.329

#### Attivo corrente

Cash and cash equivalents	399.249.691	95.512.374
Current financial assets-FVTPL	-	63.671.741
Receivables	12.990.974	78.994.639
Total current assets	412.240.665	238.178.754

#### Total current assets

	412.240.665	238.178.754
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#### Assets held for sale

	-	733.120
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#### TOTAL ASSETS

	873.834.184	268.525.203
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### SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

#### SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Share capital	306.611.100	102.157.200
Share premium reserve	441.801.195	8.035.635
Legal reserve	20.431.640	20.398.326
Fair Value reserve	(5.512.301)	6.337.848
Other reserves	879.260	43.124.946
Retained earnings (losses)	76.808.340	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	11.946.945	85.583.302
Net equity	852.966.179	265.637.257

#### LIABILITIES

##### Non-current liabilities

Deferred tax liabilities	-	-
Provisions for risks and charges	18.908.404	-
Provisions for employee termination benefits	51.756	75.114

##### Total non-current liabilities

	18.960.160	75.114
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##### Current liabilities

Trade payables	938.097	2.519.635
Current tax and social payables	940.391	267.210
Other payables	29.357	25.987

##### Total current liabilities

	1.907.845	2.812.832
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##### Liabilities held for sale

	-	-
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#### TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

	873.834.184	268.525.203
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# Income Statement-DeA Capital S.p.A.

(Thousand Euro)

## NET FINANCIAL INCOME/(EXPENSES) ON NON-CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### CAPITAL GAINS ON INVESTMENTS from:

Investments  
Venture capital funds available for sale

### CAPITAL LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS from:

Investments

### IMPAIRMENT from:

Investments

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## REVALUATIONS AND WRITEDOWNS OF CURRENT FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## TOTAL INCOME, EXPENSE AND WRITEDOWNS (A)

### TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES from:

Operating revenues  
Other revenues

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## PROFIT(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD

Result from discontinued operations

## PROFIT(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD

Earnings per share, basic

Earnings per share, diluted

Esercizio 2007	Esercizio 2006
1.875.775	1.730.941
0	308.657
1.875.775	1.422.284
0	(85.286)
0	(85.286)
(17.468.408)	0
(17.468.408)	0
(15.592.633)	1.645.655
32.960.466	16.458.673
0	0
22.998.654	676.308
951.723	142.189
8.883.401	10.306.551
126.688	3.816.969
0	1.516.656
(8.285.829)	(3.451.821)
(52.759)	(1.037.212)
(131.691)	(6.600)
(287.071)	(1.016.482)
(7.677.937)	(1.349.118)
(136.371)	(42.409)
24.674.637	13.006.852
(79)	(64.620)
0	(21.072)
(79)	(43.548)
0	1.201.623
0	0
0	1.201.623
(79)	1.137.003
9.081.925	15.789.510
292.186	517.740
0	456.521
292.186	61.219
(3.947.536)	(5.421.025)
(2.446.994)	(3.069.931)
(1.294.788)	(2.182.551)
(144.797)	(127.076)
(60.957)	(41.467)
(3.655.351)	(4.903.285)
5.426.574	10.886.225
3.753.490	0
9.180.064	10.886.225
2.766.880	74.697.077
11.946.944	85.583.302
0,06	0,85
0,06	0,85