



PRESS RELEASE

RESIGNATION OF A BOARD MEMBER

Milan, 4 May 2012 – Today the independent Board member Mr. Alberto Dessy, who was also Chairman of the Internal Control Committee and member of the Remuneration Committee and of the Internal Audit Board of DeA Capital S.p.A., submitted his resignation, with immediate effect.

This decision was due to additional professional commitments that he deemed to be incompatible with continuing to undertake his role at DeA Capital. Mr Dessy does not own any shares of the Company as of today.

The Board of Directors will restore the required number of independent directors, in order to align with the "Codice di Autodisciplina delle società quotate" (Self-discipline code for listed companies), at the next meeting, called for the approval of the Interim management report to 31 March 2012, to be held on 14 May 2012.

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