



PRESS RELEASE

ANTITRUST CLEARANCE GRANTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO THE PURCHASE BY DEA CAPITAL OF AN INDIRECT INTEREST IN GENERALE DE SANTE

PURCHASE OF QUOTAS IN IDEA I FUND OF FUNDS COMPLETED BY DEA CAPITAL

Milan, June 15, 2007 – The European Commission, Directorate General for Competition, has issued the favourable decision required for the purchase by DeA Capital S.p.A. of 43.01% of the share capital of Santé S.a.r.l. ("Santè Luxembourg") controlling shareholder, directly and via Santè Developpement Europe S.A.S. ("SDE"), of Générale de Santé S.A. ("GDS"), private healthcare market leader in France, listed on the Paris Eurolist market, as announced to the markets on April 16, 2007.

In view of the results of the simplified takeover bid promoted in France in relation to GDS shares, as a result of which SDE, with Santè Luxembourg, presently holds 79.84% of the share capital and voting rights of GDS, the total investment by DeA Capital S.p.A. for this transaction is approximately € 344 million. The transaction will be carried out via the wholly-owned subsidiary DeA Capital Investments S.A..

The closing date of this transaction, as agreed by all parties, will be July 3, 2007.

Of note, at today's date, DeA Capital S.p.A. has completed the purchase of quotas in the IdeA I Fund of Funds, formerly subscribed by De Agostini S.A. SICAR, a De Agostini Group company. This purchase was announced to the market on April 24, 2007 and has been carried out via the wholly-owned subsidiary DeA Capital Investments S.A..

The purchase price is approximately € 83 million, plus a residual commitment of further approximately € 88 million in financial requirements relating to the management of the fund (*residual commitment*).

This transaction, between related parties, was supported by the assessment of an independent expert on the methods used for the calculation of the fund quotas' value.

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