



PRESS RELEASE

DEA CAPITAL EXTENDS THE TERM OF ITS CREDIT FACILITIES UNTIL THE END OF 2015

Milan, 16 December 2010. DeA Capital S.p.A. announces that it has today signed a financing agreement with Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. expiring in December 2015, for a maximum amount of EUR 120 million, while at the same time paying off the existing EUR 150 million unsecured bullet loan expiring in July 2013, of which EUR 100 million has been used.

The decision to reduce the size of the facility compared with the first loan stems from the lower capital requirements, net of expected distributions, of the private equity funds in which DeA Capital has invested.

The agreement concerns the granting of a EUR 80 million unsecured bullet credit facility and a revolving credit facility for a further EUR 40 million. The agreed interest rate is variable and linked to the 3- or 6-month Euribor. Bullet repayment is due to take place on 16 December 2015, although DeA Capital has the option to make full or partial early repayments during the term of the loan.

This structure offers a number of significant advantages, including extending the term by over two years and greater flexibility in using the facility over time, given the existence of a revolving tranche.

As at 30 September 2010, DeA Capital had net financial debt of EUR 16.2 million.

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DeA Capital (www.deacapital.it). With an investment portfolio of around EUR 800 million and assets under management of around EUR 4.4 billion (post demerger of IDeA), DeA Capital S.p.A. is currently one of Italy's largest alternative investment operators. The company, which operates in both the Private Equity Investment and Alternative Asset Management businesses, is listed in the STAR segment of the Milan stock exchange and heads the De Agostini Group in these areas.