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Sale of GN ReSound to Phonak Holding AG – Update on Approvals by Competition Authorities

Phonak has received all but one of the required competition authority approvals including that of the United States of America concerning the agreed acquisition of GN ReSound.

The ongoing review of the acquisition by the German Federal Cartel Office (Bundeskartellamt) is now in the stage of the main examination proceeding.

However, this does not change the expectation that the transaction will be completed in the first half of 2007.

At the extraordinary general meeting of January 5, 2007 GN ensured that the return of the applicable net proceeds through a share capital reduction can take place shortly after the completion of the transaction.

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