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AvH and CNP acquire Trasys

GIB, a jointly-controlled subsidiary of AvH and CNP, has reached an agreement with Suez Group to acquire 100% of the shares of Trasys SA. The execution of this agreement is subject to the approval of the competition authorities. Upon completion Trasys' management will acquire a minority stake in the company.

Trasys is an independent Belgian IT services provider. The integrated service offering of Trasys includes consulting, solutions development, package integration, maintenance and outsourcing services. Trasys addresses the specific IT needs of companies active in the financial services sector, industry, aerospace, utilities, and of public and international organizations. Trasys' most important clients include several European Institutions and Belgian public entities as well as various Suez subsidiaries and industrial companies.

In view of servicing its customers locally, Trasys has established offices and branches in Belgium (Brussels, Hoeilaart, Charleroi and Mechelen), Luxemburg, London and a fast growing software development centre in Athens. Trasys is also at the center of a large pan European network of specialised IT partners.

Trasys employs 550 people and realizes a turnover of EUR 60 million.

More detailed information can be found on the website www.trasys.be

*Ackermans & van Haaren is a diversified group active in **3 key sectors: dredging, environmental and construction services** (DEME, one of the largest dredging companies in the world - Algemene Aannemingen Van Laere, a leading contractor in Belgium), **financial services** (Bank Delen, one of the largest independent private asset managers in Belgium – Bank J.Van Breda & C°, niche bank for entrepreneurs and liberal professions - Leasinvest-Extensa, an important real estate developer and investor in Belgium/Luxembourg) and **private equity** (Sofinim, one of the largest private equity providers in Belgium with an EVCA-valuation of € 300 million on 30 June 2005). The group concentrates on a limited number of strategic participations with an important potential for growth. Market capitalisation of AvH is approximately € 1.5 billion. AvH is included in the BEL Mid index and is a member of Euronext Next Prime.*

All press releases issued by AvH and its most important group companies as well as the 'Investor Presentation' can also be consulted on the AvH website: www.avh.be.

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