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LVL MEDICAL CONFIRMS ITS AMBITIOUS AND CONTROLLED STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE AND PROFITABLE GROWTH

- **ACQUISITION OF FILIUS IN GERMANY**
- **RETURN TO A DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION POLICY**
- **SET-UP OF AN AUDIT COMMITTEE**

FURTHER ACQUISITIONS IN GERMANY

LVL Médical has consolidated its leading position in the German nursing care market through the acquisition of Filius, a company specialising in in-home intensive care services, especially for children.

Filius was established in 1990 and generated revenues of €1.808 million for the financial year ending 31.12.2009, with profit margins that are in line with standard margins for similar businesses within the Group.

Filius now has 65 employees, mainly nursing staff (nurses).

This acquisition, which will be back-dated to January 1st 2010, enables the company to increase its in-home intensive care coverage in Germany. This represents a major development area for LVL Médical and for its German subsidiary, Bonitas, along the same lines as the intensive care units.

LVL Médical is thus reaffirming its strategic decision to pursue consolidation of the sector in Germany through the acquisition of new companies and through hiring and retaining quality employees.

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

At the Combined Annual General Meeting of February 15th 2010, attendees voted for the distribution of a dividend of

€0.25 per share, for payment from March 15th onwards.

The total amount of the dividend distribution is €2,911,480.75, or 28.34% of consolidated Group net income.

This return to a dividend distribution policy, which had not been suggested since the financial year ending September 30th 2001, shows the effectiveness of the growth and profit policies pursued by the Group, as well as its desire to share the results of that strategy with shareholders in full.

SET-UP OF AN AUDIT COMMITTEE

At its meeting of February 15th 2010, the Board of Directors of the LVL Médical Group decided to set up an Audit Committee, in accordance with the legal and regulatory guidelines in force, in particular Decree N° 2008-1278 of December 8th 2008.

This audit committee consists of two members:

- Mr Jacques Mignot, Independent Director, who will chair the committee, and
- Mr Alain Quibeuf, Director and Malakoff-Médéric's Permanent Representative.

Ludovic Bellein, LVL Médical Group's General Secretary, will be the committee secretary and will help it to carry out its assignments.

The audit committee is responsible, among other matters, for monitoring the following:

- the way in which financial information is prepared,
- the effectiveness of internal control and risk management systems,
- the legal checks performed on the annual and consolidated accounts by the Statutory Auditors,
- the independence of the Statutory Auditors: the committee shall issue an opinion on the selection or the re-appointment of the Statutory Auditors who will be appointed.

The committee shall provide an account of its work to the Board of Directors.

All these measures and actions are in line with the Group's ambitious growth policy.

NEXT UPDATE

LVL Médical Group will publish its 2009-2010 first half revenues on April 23rd 2010.

Founded in 1989, the LVL Medical Group has grown over the years through its 42 agencies into a leading French provider in different areas of medical intervention such as in-home respiratory assistance, perfusion, enteral nutrition and insulin therapy. LVL Medical takes care of over 40,000 patients in France every day. Over 10,000 specialist practitioners trust the LVL Medical Group to monitor their patients.

In Germany, the Group is a leading provider of in-home nursing care services and intensive care services at home and in dedicated facilities through its Bonitas subsidiary. A standard-setter in the care of patients suffering from illnesses that require increasingly specialised treatment, LVL Medical has become, over the years, a real partner for the care authorities with which it negotiates patient care agreements directly.

The Group currently employs over 2,000 people.

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