# Press Release



# Sodexo becomes the leader in On-site Service Solutions in Brazil following the acquisition of Puras do Brasil

Paris, France, September 6, 2011 - SODEXO (NYSE Euronext Paris FR0000121220 - SW OTC: SDXAY), leader in Quality of Daily Life Solutions, announced today that it has acquired 100% of Puras do Brasil for an enterprise value of approximately 525 million euros. Founded 30 years ago, Puras do Brasil is the number two On-site Service solutions operator in Brazil, a fast-growing market. Puras do Brasil has revenues of around 0.5 billions euros and employs 22,000 persons across the country, operating across 1,300 sites.

Michel Landel, Sodexo Chief Executive Officer, said: "With this significant transaction, Sodexo is creating a leading actor in Brazil, one of the most important markets in the world. This is in line with our strategy to consolidate Sodexo's position in high-potential emerging economies by seizing the best opportunities. Puras do Brasil is a successful, well-managed business with strong values and high-calibre teams; I am pleased to welcome Puras' teams on board." The current Chairman and CEO of Puras do Brasil, Hermes Gazzola, will be named Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Sodexo's enlarged On-site Service solutions activities in Brazil and will help management continue to develop successfully the business in Brazil given the numerous market growth opportunities.

In accordance with Sodexo's long term vision and strategy, this important move demonstrates the Group's confidence and commitment to local and international clients, as well as to the Brazilian economy.

Financing of this transaction represents less than one year of Sodexo's consolidated operating cash flows. Accordingly, on a pro-forma basis following this acquisition, Sodexo's consolidated net financial debt as of 28 February 2011 would represent just 46% of shareholders' equity.

#### **About Sodexo**

#### Sodexo, world leader in Quality of Daily Life Solutions

Quality of Life plays an important role in the progress of individuals and the performance of organizations. Based on this conviction, Sodexo acts as the strategic partner for companies and institutions that place a premium on performance and employee well-being, as it has since Pierre Bellon founded the company in 1966. Sharing the same passion for service, Sodexo's 380,000 employees in 80 countries design, manage and deliver an unrivaled array of On-site Service Solutions and Motivation Solutions. Sodexo has created a new form of service business that contributes to the fulfillment of its employees and the economic, social and environmental development of the communities, regions and countries in which it operates.



#### Key Figures (as of August 31, 2010)

15.3 billion euro consolidated revenue

**380,000** employees

21<sup>nd</sup> largest employer worldwide

**34,000** sites

50 million consumers served daily

80 countries

8 billion euro market capitalization (as of 6 September, 2011)

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