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Acquisition of Verilogue Brings Unique Technology and Insights to The Physician-Patient Conversation

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Publicis Groupe (Euronext Paris: FR0000130577) announced today that it has acquired Verilogue Inc., a leading healthcare analytics firm specializing in physician-patient communication based in the U.S. Verilogue will become part of Publicis Healthcare Communications Group (PHCG), the largest healthcare communications network in the world.

Founded in 2006, Verilogue is a technology-enabled marketing insights company specializing in the worldwide digital capture and linguistic analysis of real-world encounters between physicians, nurses, patients, and caregivers in North America, Europe, and Asia.

The acquisition of Verilogue further strengthens PHCG's portfolio by providing clients with expanded set of customer insight capabilities and new evidence-based customer communications and training programs. As part of the transaction, Verilogue's primary investor, Edison Venture Fund, will exit the company.

Verilogue's 31 employees will continue to be led by CEO and co-founder Jeff Kozloff and maintain its brand name and current Horsham, Pennsylvania headquarters. The agency will report to Janet Winkler, President of in-sync Group, a division of PHCG.

Nick Colucci, President and CEO of PHCG, said, "Multichannel influences are creating profound challenges in the physician-patient dialogue. That's where Verilogue really brings a unique offering to our clients—guiding healthcare communications that are grounded in the voice of the customer." Nick Colucci continued, "We were attracted to Verilogue because of their impressive track record and potential for growth when combined with the resources of our global network."

Kozloff continued, "The greatest advances in healthcare delivery over the next decade will be driven by evidence-based solutions delivered at various points-of-care. Aligning ourselves with PHCG's market-leading agencies and impressive talent and resources allows us to enter a new chapter." He explained, "We will be able to immediately expand our global presence and transform our insights engine into solutions, driving client value through improved customer experiences."

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