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GFI INFORMATIQUE OPENS EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THALES FOR A PLANNED ACQUISITION OF THE THALES SERVICES 'BUSINESS SOLUTIONS' COMPUTER BUSINESS

Saint-Ouen (France), 26 October 2011 – Gfi Informatique has announced the opening of exclusive negotiations with Thales for a planned acquisition of the Business Solutions IT business of Thales Services. The acquisition is subject to consultation with employee representative bodies.

Thales Services' Business Solutions business has annual revenues of around €75 million. The combination with Gfi Informatique would build a long-term partnership with Thales, a Business Solutions customer, and to strengthen the presence of the combined entity among some major industrial and banking groups in France. It would also greatly enhance its delivery capability in the French market and would enable it to offer extensive and diversified sector-based skills, particularly in the field of product lifecycle management (PLM). This value-creating transaction would also provide a propitious environment for the expansion of Business Solutions' operations

Gfi Informatique, whose financial structure was bolstered by the issue of an OCEANE bond in June 2011, has the necessary resources with which to finance this acquisition.

Next release:

7 November 2011, publication of Q3 2011 revenue.

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About Gfi Informatique

A leading European player for value-added IT services and software, Gfi Informatique has defined a differentiating strategic positioning between global operators and niche players. Drawing on its multidisciplinary profile, the Group provides its customers with a unique combination of hands-on services, sector-based organisation and industrial solutions. With a workforce of some 9300 employees, the Group posted 2010 sales of €658 million.

Gfi Informatique is listed on the NYSE Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment B), ISIN: FR0004038099.

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