



PRESS RELEASE

Board approves results as of September 30 2008

HSS GROUP (CIR): REVENUES AND EBITDA CONTINUE TO RISE

Consolidated results for the first nine months of 2008

Revenues € 179.9 million (125.6 million at September 30 2007)

EBITDA € 21.2 million (14.9 million at September 30 2007)

Net income of the Group € 1.1 million (-0.1 million at September 30 2007)

Net debt € 125 million (148.6 million at December 31 2007)

Today in Milan under the chairmanship of Mr Claudio Stabon, the Board of Directors of **HSS-Holding Sanità e Servizi SpA** met to examine the consolidated results of the first nine months of 2008.

In the period under examination the HSS Group reported **consolidated revenues** of 179.9 million euro, up by 43.2% on the first nine months of 2007 (125.6 million), thanks to growth in all areas of the business.

The **gross operating margin (EBITDA)** was 21.2 million euro, up by 42.2% from the first nine months of 2007 (14.9 million). The **consolidated net result** was a positive 1.1 million euro, compared to a loss of 0.1 million in the same period of 2007.

The **consolidated net financial position** of the HSS Group at September 30 2008 showed net debt of 125 million euro, down from 148.6 million at December 31 2007. The improvement was the result, on the one hand, of the subscription in June 2008 by CIR and the Morgan Stanley funds already shareholders of HSS of a capital increase in HSS for a total of 40 million euro, and on the other hand of the rise in net debt due to acquisitions and investments made in the first nine months of the year.

In the first nine months of 2008, the HSS Group continued to strengthen its operating subsidiaries and to seek new development opportunities in order to consolidate the presence of the Group in the healthcare sector.

In particular, on October 3 2008 Istituto di Riabilitazione S. Stefano Srl, a company 100% controlled by HSS, finalized the acquisition from Générale de Santé Italia of 100% of the capital



of Centro Cardinal Ferrari Srl, a company that manages a hospital specializing in neurological rehabilitation at Fontanellato (Parma). The hospital, which has 91 beds, is accredited by the National Health Service (SSN) and belongs to the regional rehabilitation network of Emilia for serious acquired brain injury (GRACER).

The HSS Group, which to date manages a total of 4,823 beds, plus another 500 approximately under construction, is today active in:

- The management of **residences for the elderly**, with 35 residences under management and 4 under construction (approximately 3,600 beds operational and a further 450 under construction);
- The management of **hospitals and rehabilitation** centres, with 7 rehabilitation hospitals, 8 psychiatric rehabilitation communities and 13 day hospitals, for a total of 1,100 beds in operation and 50 under construction;
- The management of a **hospital** and of **hi-tech facilities** inside hospitals, with 7 diagnostic imaging units.

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Below are the key figures from the income statement and balance sheet as of September 30 2008 of the HSS Group (prepared according to IAS/IFRS)



Key consolidated income figures of the Holding Sanità e Servizi Group	30-09-2008 (in euro/000)	30-09-2007 (in euro/000)
SALES REVENUES	179,883	125,636
GROSS OPERATING MARGIN (EBITDA)	21,214	14,889
OPERATING INCOME (EBIT)	13,438	8,752
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES	6,003	3,530
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD INCLUDING MINORITY INTERESTS	1,373	(407)
- NET INCOME/(LOSS) - MINORITY INTERESTS	218	(251)
- NET INCOME/(LOSS) - THE GROUP	1,155	(156)

Key consolidated balance sheet figures of the Holding Sanità e Servizi Group	30-09-2008 (in euro/000)	30-09-2007 (in euro/000)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	276,258	251,885
CURRENT ASSETS	119,033	106,705
TOTAL ASSETS	395,291	358,590
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	146,221	105,033
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	133,487	126,757
CURRENT LIABILITIES	115,583	126,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	395,291	358,590