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### **HOLDING SANITA' E SERVIZI (CIR Group) ACQUIRES ANNI AZZURRI**

Following the preliminary contract signed on March 9 2006, HOLDING SANITA' E SERVIZI (HSS), the group controlled by CIR that operates in the healthcare sector, has signed the completion contract for the acquisition from the GENERALE DE DEVELOPPEMENT ET DE FINANCEMENT Group of SODEMARE S.A., which controls 100% of the Company RESIDENZE ANNI AZZURRI.

Specializing in building and managing residences for the elderly, ANNI AZZURRI reported consolidated revenues of approximately 50 million euros in 2005 and is present in Lombardy, Piedmont, Veneto and Marche with 1,600 beds.

The deal, which has already obtained the required approval of the antitrust authorities, will enable the HSS group, in just three years of business, to reach total revenues of approximately 110 million euros with over 3,000 beds under management.

In particular, HSS's business of managing residences for the elderly will increase its annual revenues to over 70 million euros, with approximately 2,600 beds, enabling the group to become the leading operator in the sector in the Italian market.

The total enterprise value of the deal is approximately 155 million euros, 60 of which can be attributed to the management part of the business and approximately 95 to the value of the real estate properties (around 50 million refer to properties owned, some 25 million to properties where there is a commitment to buy and another 20 million to leased properties). The disbursement for the purchase of the shares (equity value) amounts to approximately 60 million euros, 40% of which will be self-financed.

In line with the strategy pursued so far by HSS, which does not envisage real estate investment, ANNI AZZURRI has, subsequent to the signing of the preliminary sale agreement, placed with a leasing company a building that it had a commitment to buy. The remaining property component could be sold off subsequently.

The acquisition of ANNI AZZURRI is an important step forward for HOLDING SANITA' E SERVIZI in its strategy of growth in the Italian market of managing residences for the elderly.

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