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ALLIANCE UNICHEM transfers its subsidiaries ASB I and RESIP to CEGEDIM

The transfer of ASB I and RESIP from ALLIANCE UNICHEM to CEGEDIM was announced on the 20th September 2000 and approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of CEGEDIM which took place on the 22th December 2000.

ASB I is dealing with the pharmacy management software business in France. RESIP owns, develops and manages the Claude Bernard pharmaceutical databases, both for pharmacists and physicians.

Moreover, in a separate transaction, ALLIANCE UNICHEM sold its practice management software business to CEGEDIM which thus reinforces its leading position on this market.

ALLIANCE UNICHEM is the second pharmaceutical wholesale distributor in Europe. The Group operates in France through its subsidiary ALLIANCE SANTE (30% market share) and also in the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Holland, Portugal, Czech and Slovak Republics, Greece, Morocco and Turkey. ALLIANCE UNICHEM recorded in 1999 a turnover of more than € 9 billion and a result before tax of € 184 million.

CEGEDIM is the European leading provider of medical information. It recorded in 1999 a turnover of € 205 million and a result before tax and goodwill of € 25.2 million. The Group thus strengthens its French leadership in the computerisation of healthcare professionals. A new direct access to pharmacists and the future collaboration with ALLIANCE UNICHEM both give to CEGEDIM increased development opportunities in its European markets dealing with medical information.

Thanks to this operation, ALLIANCE UNICHEM, through its subsidiary ALLIANCE SANTE DISTRIBUTION, owns 10% of CEGEDIM's capital and is represented at its Board by Mr. Antonin De Bono, Managing Director for Emerging Business of ALLIANCE UNICHEM.

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