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COMUNICATO STAMPA

- **SIGLATO ACCORDO PER LA VENDITA DELLA MAGGIORANZA DEL CAPITALE SOCIALE DEL GRUPPO MESGO – INCLUSA LA PARTECIPAZIONE DETENUTA DA FONDO ITALIANO DI INVESTIMENTO – CON UN CONTROVALORE PER LA QUOTA DI PERTINENZA DI NB AURORA DI 17,2 MILIONI DI EURO E UNA PLUSVALENZA DI 10,3 MILIONI DI EURO**
- **SALE COSÌ A 32,0 MILIONI DI EURO LA PLUSVALENZA TOTALE REALIZZATA DA NB AURORA A PARTIRE DAL 30 GIUGNO 2018**

Lussemburgo, 28 settembre 2018

NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora"), quotata in Italia sul segmento MIV - Segmento Professionale ("MIV") organizzato e gestito da Borsa Italiana S.p.A. - con l'obiettivo di acquisire partecipazioni di minoranza in PMI italiane di eccellenza non quotate, annuncia, con riferimento alla sua quota detenuta in Fondo Italiano di Investimento ("FII"), che in data odierna FII ha firmato – nell'ambito di un'operazione di cessione della maggioranza del capitale sociale di Mesgo S.p.A. a HEXPOL AB - un accordo per la vendita della propria partecipazione in Mesgo S.p.A., società precedentemente controllata dall'azionista di maggioranza Francesco Caldara.

Hexpol AB è un Gruppo industriale svedese specializzato in materiali polimerici quotato al NASDAQ OMX di Stoccolma nel segmento Large Cap.

Con la vendita della quota detenuta in Mesgo, la plusvalenza totale realizzata da NB Aurora dal 30 giugno 2018 (considerando le plusvalenze realizzate dalle cessioni delle quote detenute, tramite FII, in Mesgo, Megadyne, Rigoni di Asiago, Sanlorenzo, IEN e Truostar) è salita a 32,0 milioni di euro.

L'investimento in Mesgo è stato iscritto a bilancio per un valore di 6,9 milioni di euro e un fair market value - al 30 giugno 2018 - di 8,4 milioni di euro. Il fair market value residuo del portafoglio dopo la cessione della quota in Mesgo, è pertanto pari a 58,5 milioni di euro.

Dall'investimento di FII nell'aprile 2013, il Gruppo Mesgo ha portato avanti un percorso che l'ha portata a crescere in modo importante e profittevole - diventando uno dei più importanti fornitori europei per l'industria della gomma e delle materie plastiche - grazie a due nuovi impianti produttivi e all'acquisizione di tre società. Oggi, il Gruppo Mesgo è in grado di offrire una delle più complete gamme di prodotti in tutta Europa, avvalendosi di una avanzata divisione di Ricerca e Sviluppo e di sei stabilimenti produttivi situati in Italia, Polonia e Turchia. Questo percorso di crescita si riflette nei risultati finanziari del Gruppo: dal 2012 al 2017 il fatturato è più che raddoppiato a circa 90 milioni di euro e l'EBITDA è cresciuto a un tasso annuo di circa il 22%.

Il closing dell'operazione è previsto per il 1° ottobre 2018.

I venditori sono stati assistiti da GCA Altium, EY, Gatti Pavesi Bianchi Studio Legale e Studio Associato Salerno Rho.

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NB Aurora

NB Aurora è il primo veicolo di *permanent capital* quotato in Italia sul segmento MIV che nasce con l'obiettivo di investire in PMI non quotate, convogliando risorse finanziarie a supporto della loro crescita ed internazionalizzazione, contribuendo così a sostenere l'economia reale del Paese. NB Aurora è promosso da Neuberger Berman, società di investimento privata, indipendente e controllata dai propri dipendenti, con \$304 miliardi in gestione (al 30 giugno 2018).

Il target di investimento di NB Aurora sono PMI italiane di eccellenza, leader in nicchie di mercato ad alto potenziale di crescita, con fatturato compreso tra 30 e 300 milioni di euro e una forte propensione all'export. Il team di NB Aurora opererà con un approccio di *active minority*, in un'ottica di partnership con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine.

NB Aurora detiene attualmente un portafoglio di dieci PMI italiane con un fatturato complessivo di circa 1,2 miliardi di euro.

Mesgo

Il Gruppo Mesgo, fondato nel 1996 con sede a Gorlago (Bergamo, Italia), sviluppa e produce composti per l'industria della gomma e delle materie plastiche. Oggi, Mesgo Group offre una delle più complete gamme di prodotti in tutta Europa che comprende composti organici, siliconici, di fluoro-carbonio e termoplastici, oltre a tutti gli additivi e pigmenti necessari per completare il processo produttivo.

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