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COMUNICATO STAMPA

PERFEZIONATO L'ACCORDO PER L'ACQUISIZIONE DI PSHE DA PARTE DELL'IMPRENDITORE E MANAGER EDDY DE VITA E DI NB AURORA

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Facendo seguito al comunicato stampa diffuso in data 16 dicembre 2019, **NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora")**, quotata in Italia sul mercato 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 che in data odierna è avvenuto, a seguito dell'avveramento delle condizioni sospensive, il perfezionamento (*closing*) dell'accordo di co-investimento con il manager e imprenditore Eddy De Vita che prevede - attraverso le società veicolo PHS Group SpA e PHS Srl - l'acquisizione di PHSE. I tre soci fondatori hanno reinvestito nell'azienda rilevando una quota del 30%.

A fronte di un investimento di 16 milioni di euro (integralmente finanziati con mezzi propri), NB Aurora detiene direttamente il 44% di PHS Group SpA, controllata da Eddy De Vita, e indirettamente il 30,8% di PHS Srl che detiene il 100% di PHSE.

Fondata nel 2002, PHSE si è focalizzata sulla gestione logistica di studi clinici (clinical trials), per poi specializzarsi nel trasporto a temperatura controllata per il segmento 2-8°C di prodotti farmaceutici, biotech e di campioni biologici a servizio del canale ospedaliero. L'azienda, con un fatturato consolidato

di circa 30 milioni di euro, controlla oggi il 50% del mercato domestico, con 12 Hub e circa 300 dipendenti.

La strategia di sviluppo del business, che verrà implementata sia a livello organico sia attraverso acquisizioni, prevede l'ampliamento della gamma di servizi offerti al canale ospedaliero e del servizio di home delivery, con un piano d'investimenti mirati in risorse, qualità e IT. L'obiettivo è anche quello di sviluppare ulteriormente la piattaforma internazionale di PHSE, già presente a New York, Londra/Heathrow e a Singapore, sotto la guida di Graham Inglis, già Presidente Globale Life Sciences & Healthcare di DHL Supply Chain e Chief Investment Officer per tutta la divisione supply chain a livello globale, che supporterà lo sviluppo estero dell'azienda.

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 circa \$356 miliardi in gestione (al 31 dicembre 2019). 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 opera con un approccio di active minority, in un'ottica di partnership con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine. Attualmente, NB Aurora detiene 10 investimenti in PMI italiane direttamente o attraverso la partecipazione del 44,55% in Fondo Italiano di Investimento.

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