

PRESS RELEASE

ARDIAN ENTERS INTO EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACQUIRE HYPRED FROM THE ROULLIER GROUP

Paris, May 18th 2016 – Ardian, the independent private investment company, today announces that it has entered into exclusive negotiations with the Roullier Group for the acquisition of its subsidiary Hypred, a European leader in the production and commercialization of professional hygiene solutions for the food and agriculture sectors

Founded in 1985, Hypred has extensive industry expertise in the formulation, production and commercialization of biosecurity solutions, disinfection and hygiene for professionals in the food and agriculture industries. The company operates in a market which has grown significantly, driven by higher safety standards including epidemic prevention, strategies for reducing the use of antibiotics as well as traceability and productivity requirements.

Hypred is now present in over 40 countries and has more than 400 employees worldwide. Its proprietary production sites and partners are located in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Poland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Turkey, USA, Peru, Algeria, Tunisia, Switzerland and South Africa. In 2015, Hypred achieved a turnover of more than €100 million.

This transaction demonstrates Ardian's investment strategy and its ability to support family group companies in the next stage of their development. Ardian's will help Hypred accelerate its international growth and support its investment strategy, particularly in R&D. This strategy will include increasing the capacity of existing sites as well as executing acquisitions in new regions or complementing sectors. Ardian's industrial approach and shared values make it a quality partner for Hypred.

Jorge Boucas, Chairman Executive of the Roullier Group, says: "Hypred has been a remarkable success for the Roullier Group. Representing 3% of our business, it is now time for the company to work with a new strategic partner which will enable Hypred to fulfil its growth potential. The Roullier Group will continue to pursue its ambitious development in Plant Nutrition, Animal Nutrition and food industry based on innovation, greater presence with our clients and our continued international development."

Thibault Basquin, Managing Director at Ardian Mid Cap Buyout, emphasizes: "Hypred is a great company that we have tracked for some time as part of our plans in the biosecurity sector. It is a recognized leader within a growing market, and has strong potential for development. Continuing the work of the Roullier Group, we intend to give Hypred the financial and human resources to deliver on its significant ambitions."

The proposed transaction remains subject to approval of the competition authorities. The representative bodies of Hypred staff have also been informed and are being consulted on the proposed transaction.

ABOUT ARDIAN

Ardian, founded in 1996 and led by Dominique Senequier, is an independent private investment company with assets of US\$55bn managed or advised in Europe, North America and Asia. The company, which is majority-owned by its employees, keeps entrepreneurship at its heart and delivers investment performance to its global investors while fuelling growth in economies across the world. Ardian's investment process embodies three values: excellence, loyalty and entrepreneurship.

Ardian maintains a truly global network, with more than 410 employees working through twelve offices in Paris, London, Frankfurt, Milan, Madrid, Zurich, New York, San Francisco, Beijing, Singapore, Jersey and Luxembourg. The company offers its 490 investors a diversified choice of funds covering the full range of asset classes through Ardian Funds of Funds (comprising primary, early secondary and secondary activities), Ardian Private Debt, Ardian Direct Funds (comprising Ardian Mid Cap Buyout, Ardian Expansion, Ardian Growth and Ardian Co-Investment), Ardian Infrastructure, Ardian Real Estate and customized mandate solutions with Ardian Mandates.

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ABOUT ROULLIER GROUP

Specialist in Plant Nutrition, Animal Nutrition and Agri-Food, the Roullier Group relies on its industrial know-how and technology, its unique sales force and a policy of sustained innovation to meet the specific needs of its customers. For more than 55 years and as many profitable years, the Roullier Group, which now has 8,000 employees, has kept its financial independence, while supporting an ambitious development policy. The Roullier Group is present in 116 countries and achieved a combined turnover of 3.1 billion euros in 2014, of which 64% internationally, a figure that has doubled in ten years.

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