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PRESS RELEASE

Milan, 9 May 2018

NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF, listed in Italy on the MIV segment of the Italian Stock Exchange with the purpose to invest in unlisted SMEs, announces that it will finalize the acquisition of up to 44,55% of the units of Fondo Italiano di Investimento by May 21st, 2018, as the conditions set out in the co-investment agreement with NB SOF IV Holdings LP, agreed in November 2017 (as amended most recently on 4 April 2018), have been fulfilled.

As regards the portfolio owned by Fondo Italiano di Investimento, please be informed that today the 15,18% stake held by Fondo Italiano di Investimento in the company Brugola O.E.B. Industriale S.p.A has been sold to the majority shareholder Egidio Stefano Brugola.

The value of the transaction is € 11.232 million, in consideration of Fondo Italiano di Investimento's net asset value (NAV) as of 31 December 2017 at € 5 million.

NB Aurora

NB Aurora, the first permanent capital vehicle listed in Italy on the MIV segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, has been created with the purpose to invest in unlisted SMEs, conveying financial resources to support their growth and international expansion, thus helping to support the real economy. NB Aurora is promoted by Neuberger Berman, private, independent, employee-owned investment manager, with \$299 billion AUM (as of March 31st, 2018).

NB Aurora will use part of the proceeds of the private placement to acquire, at certain conditions, up to 44.5% of the units of Fondo Italiano d'Investimento, bought in November 2017 by Neuberger Berman funds; afterwards, minority stakes of other SMEs will be acquired through capital increases.

The investment target includes those top-class SMEs with a leading position in specialized niches and a strong export attitude with a turnover between €30 and €300 million. NB Aurora team will operate with an active minority approach, to partner with entrepreneurs with a medium-long term horizon.

Brugola O.E.B. Industriale

Brugola OEB industriale Spa, with more than 450 employees in Italy and in the U.S., is leader in the production of the most important fastening components for car, S.U.V., and light commercial vehicle engines, specializing in the production of the so-called Critical Bolts, i.e. those bolts dedicated to assembling an engine's vital components.

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