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PRESS RELEASE

- **AGREEMENT TO SELL THE MAJORITY OF THE SHARE CAPITAL OF MESGO GROUP - INCLUDING THE SHAREHOLDING OF FONDO ITALIANO DI INVESTIMENTO - HAS BEEN SIGNED THAT RETURNS A TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF EURO 17.2 MILLION TO NB AURORA AND GENERATES A CAPITAL GAIN OF EURO 10.3 MILLION FOR NB AURORA**
- **THE TOTAL CAPITAL GAINS GENERATED BY NB AURORA SINCE JUNE 30, 2018, INCREASES TO EURO 32.0 MILLION**

Luxembourg, September 28, 2018

NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora"), a fund listed in Italy on the MIV professional segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., with the aim of acquiring minority stakes in Italian unlisted SMEs, announces, with reference to its stake held in Fondo Italiano di Investimento ("FII"), that today FII has signed - as part of the disposal of the majority of the share capital of Mesgo S.p.A. to HEXPOL AB - an agreement for the sale of its own stake held in Mesgo S.p.A, a company previously controlled by Mr. Caldara.

Hexpol AB is a Swedish based industry group focused on polymer compounding and listed on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm Large Cap list.

As a result of Mesgo's disposal, the total capital gain generated by NB Aurora since June 30, 2018, (arising from NB Aurora's share of the proceeds of sales generated by FII following the disposal of its shareholdings in Mesgo, Megadyne, Rigoni di Asiago, Sanlorenzo, IEN and Truestar) increased to Euro 32.0 million.

The investment in Mesgo was held by NB Aurora at a cost value of Euro 6.9 million and at a Fair Market Value - as of June 30, 2018 - of Euro 8.4 million. Therefore, the residual fair market value of the portfolio following the disposal of Mesgo is Euro 58.5 million.

Since FII's investment on April 2013, Mesgo Group has achieved a path of strong and profitable growth - becoming one of the most important European compounders for both rubber and plastics industry - thanks to the construction of two new production plants and the acquisition of three companies. Today, Mesgo Group can offer one of the most complete product ranges across Europe, leveraging on its advanced R&D department and its six production plants located in Italy, Poland and Turkey. This growth trajectory is reflected in Mesgo Group's financial performance: from 2012 to 2017, the turnover more than doubled to around Euro 90 million and EBITDA grew at an annual rate of approximately 22%.

The transaction is expected to close on October 1, 2018.

Sellers have been advised by GCA Altium, EY, Gatti Pavesi Bianchi Studio Legale and Studio Associato Salerno Rho.

NB Aurora and FII are both managed by the same management company, Neuberger Berman AIFM Limited.

NB AURORA

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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.

NB Aurora currently has a portfolio of ten Italian SMEs with an aggregate turnover of approximately Euro 1.2 billion.

Mesgo

Mesgo Group, founded 1996 and headquartered in Gorlago (Bergamo, Italy), develops and manufactures compounding solutions for the rubber and plastics industry. Today, Mesgo Group offers one of the most complete product ranges across Europe which includes organic, silicone, fluoro-carbon rubber and thermoplastic compounds as well as all the necessary additives and pigments to complete the production process.

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