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**PRESS RELEASE**

- **CLOSED THE SALE TO HEXPOL AB OF THE MAJORITY OF THE SHARE CAPITAL OF MESGO GROUP, INCLUDING 14.3% STAKE HELD BY NB AURORA THROUGH FONDO ITALIANO DI INVESTIMENTO**
- **THE VALUE OF THE NB AURORA HOLDING WAS EQUAL TO €17.2 MLN AND GENERATED A CAPITAL GAIN OF €10.3 MLN**

*Luxembourg, 1 October 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 closed the sale to HEXPOL AB - a Swedish based industry group focused on polymer compounding and listed on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm Large Cap list - of its own stake held in Mesgo S.p.A, a company previously controlled by Mr. Caldara. At the same time HEXPOL AB has acquired the majority of the share capital of Mesgo S.p.A.

The value of the sale of NB Aurora's indirect participation in Mesgo S.p.A. was equal to €17.2 mln, generating a €10.3 mln capital gain for NB Aurora.

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.

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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 nine Italian SMEs with an aggregate turnover of approximately Euro 1.1 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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