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- **PERFEZIONATA LA VENDITA A HEXPOL AB DELLA PARTECIPAZIONE DI MAGGIORANZA NEL GRUPPO MESGO, COMPRESA LA QUOTA DEL 14,3% DETENUTA DA NB AURORA TRAMITE FONDO ITALIANO DI INVESTIMENTO**
- **IL CONTROVALORE PER LA QUOTA DI PERTINENZA DI NB AURORA È PARI A 17,2 MILIONI DI EURO CON UNA PLUSVALENZA DI 10,3 MILIONI DI EURO**

Lussemburgo, 1 ottobre 2018

**NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora")**, quotata in Italia sul segmento 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, con riferimento alla sua quota detenuta in Fondo Italiano di Investimento ("FII"), che in data odierna FII ha perfezionato il closing per la cessione a Hexpol AB - gruppo industriale svedese specializzato in materiali polimerici quotato al NASDAQ OMX di Stoccolma nel segmento Large Cap - della propria partecipazione in Mesgo S.p.A., società precedentemente controllata dall'azionista di maggioranza Francesco Caldara. Hexpol AB ha rilevato contestualmente la maggioranza del capitale sociale dell'azienda italiana.

Il controvalore della vendita della partecipazione indiretta di NB Aurora in Mesgo S.p.A. è pari a 17,2 milioni di euro; la plusvalenza realizzata da NB Aurora ammonta a 10,3 milioni di euro.

Il Gruppo Mesgo si è affermato sul mercato come uno dei più importanti fornitori europei per l'industria della gomma e delle materie plastiche - grazie a due nuovi impianti produttivi e all'acquisizione di tre società - in seguito all'investimento di FII nell'aprile 2013.

## NB Aurora

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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 opererà con un approccio di *active minority*, in un'ottica di partnership con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine.

NB Aurora detiene attualmente un portafoglio di nove PMI italiane con un fatturato complessivo di circa 1,1 miliardi di euro.

## Mesgo

Il Gruppo Mesgo, fondato nel 1996 con sede a Gorlago (Bergamo, Italia), sviluppa e produce composti per l'industria della gomma e delle materie plastiche. Oggi, Mesgo Group offre una delle più complete gamme di prodotti in tutta Europa che comprende composti organici, siliconici, di fluoro-carbonio e termoplastici, oltre a tutti gli additivi e pigmenti necessari per completare il processo produttivo.

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