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SIMONE: PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SOCIETÀ EDITRICE DANTE ALIGHIERI S.R.L.

Strategic transaction in the humanities educational publishing segment through the integration of the "Rocci Greek–Italian Dictionary" and the strengthening of the Group's position in the high-authority long-seller market

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Simone (SMN:IM) announces that it has today signed a preliminary agreement for the **acquisition of 100% of the share capital of Società Editrice Dante Alighieri S.r.l.**, a publishing house specialising in humanities titles and the owner, among other assets, of the rights to and trademark of the ***Rocci.Greek-Italian.Dictionary*, a benchmark reference work in the field of classical studies in Italy.**

The *Rocci Greek–Italian Dictionary* is one of the leading lexicographical tools for the study of Ancient Greek in Italy and is widely used in classical high schools and universities. The publication is considered a long seller, distinguished by its high academic authority and structurally recurring demand.

The reference market is characterised by stability and predictability, with an estimated annual intake of between 25,000 and 30,000 new students enrolled in classical high schools and an estimated demand of approximately 10,000 Greek–Italian dictionaries per year, excluding the second-hand market. The segment is also characterised by a highly concentrated competitive structure, essentially reflecting a duopolistic market.

Operational Rationalisation and Industrial Integration

The acquisition is consistent with the Group's strategy of strengthening its position in the humanities educational publishing segment and enhancing the value of long-established publishing assets through their industrial and commercial integration with the Group's *Simone per la Scuola* catalogue, which already enjoys strong recognition in the specific market segment served by the target company.

The Group plans to integrate the acquired company's operating activities into its existing organisational structure, with a gradual rationalisation of costs and the consolidation of non-strategic functions. The transaction will also enable the integration of the humanities catalogue into the Group's publishing portfolio, creating potential editorial, commercial and digital synergies.

In particular, the Group expects: editorial integration with its existing educational series; development of derivative products and catalogue updates; strengthened distribution through the existing sales network; and development of digital editions and online reference tools.

Investment, Financial Outlook and Medium-Term Objectives

The investment amounts to EUR 0.48 million, payable over a 12-month period.
In 2025, the company generated revenue of EUR 224 thousand, reported negative EBITDA and recorded a net loss of EUR 100 thousand.
Following the restructuring and industrial integration already planned, management expects the acquired asset to progressively return to performance levels consistent with the potential of its brand and distribution network. Over a three-year horizon, management expects the business to achieve annual gross revenue of at least EUR 0.5 million, with an expected operating margin of approximately 20%, assuming full commercial integration and the rationalisation of the operating structure, while further strengthening the Group's overall educational publishing segment.

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Closing

Completion of the transaction is subject to customary conditions precedent and the execution of the notarial deed transferring the equity interests, which is expected to take place by September 2026.

About Simone

The Simone Group, founded in 1968, is the custodian of a unique legal heritage. Predominantly proprietary, updated on a daily basis and complete with current legislation, case law and authored content, it is progressively being transformed into a structured legal dataset through the proprietary Simone LexCore platform: this infrastructure enables content distribution through B2C digital database subscriptions, integration into third-party software and platforms via APIs, and the supply of data for Legal AI and machine learning applications.

This heritage supports the Advanced Legal Training business delivered through Dike Formazione, accredited by the Scuola Nazionale dell'Amministrazione (SNA), with content, methodologies and training programmes aimed both at key Public Administration professionals and at companies and professionals operating in public procurement markets, positioning itself in a segment characterised by the presence of few truly structured private operators. At the same time, it constitutes the foundation of the Group's historical business in competitive examination publishing, a sector from which the Group derives its experience and established reputation.

Simone is also active in children's publishing, with European initiatives aimed at building a platform of high-quality content and supporting international growth in the sector, and in educational publishing, with a selective and organic approach aimed at enhancing market opportunities in a targeted way.

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