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**COMUNICATO STAMPA**

**NB AURORA SOTTOSCRIVE UN ACCORDO VINCOLANTE PER L'ACQUISIZIONE DEL 42,75% DI EXACER, AZIENDA ATTIVA NEL BUSINESS DELLE SPECIALTY CHEMICALS ATTRAVERSO LO SVILUPPO E PRODUZIONE DI SUPPORTI PER CATALIZZATORI E DI CUSTOM CATALYST COME PRODUTTORE IN TOLL MANUFACTURING PER I PRINCIPALI GRUPPI MONDIALI DELLA CHIMICA**

*Lussemburgo, 29 settembre 2021 - NB Aurora S.A. SICAF-RAIF ("NB Aurora"), promossa da Neuberger Berman e quotata in Italia sul mercato MIV - Segmento Professionale ("MIV") organizzato e gestito da Borsa Italiana S.p.A., con l'obiettivo di acquisire partecipazioni in PMI italiane di eccellenza non quotate, annuncia di aver sottoscritto in data odierna - attraverso il veicolo interamente controllato NB Aurora Holdings S.à r.l. ("NB Aurora Holdings") - un contratto di acquisizione (il "Contratto") avente ad oggetto l'acquisto di una quota di minoranza nel capitale sociale di Exacer S.r.l. ("Exacer").*

Il Contratto prevede, in particolare, che NB Aurora Holdings, direttamente o mediante un veicolo di diritto italiano neo-costituito e dalla stessa controllato ("Newco"), venga a detenere il 42,75% del capitale sociale di Exacer, acquisendo le relative quote dal socio di maggioranza FinExacer S.r.l. a fronte di un corrispettivo di circa Euro 10,5 milioni, comprensivo dei costi di transazione. L'investimento di NB Aurora in Exacer avverrà facendo integralmente ricorso a mezzi propri.

A partire dalla data odierna e per un periodo di 18 (diciotto) mesi successivi al completamento dell'operazione, NB Aurora Holdings avrà il diritto di sindacare, in una o in più *tranche*, una partecipazione di minoranza di Newco.

Il completamento dell'operazione - soggetto al previo avveramento delle relative condizioni sospensive - è previsto entro il quarto trimestre 2021.

Exacer, attiva nel business delle *specialty chemicals* tramite lo sviluppo e produzione di supporti per catalizzatori, grazie ad un'importante attività di R&D e a un peculiare *know-how* tecnico-produttivo, si sta sempre più affermando, in un mercato caratterizzato dalla presenza di competitors internazionali di

grandi dimensioni, come primario fornitore dei più importanti gruppi mondiali della chimica grazie allo sviluppo di nuovi supporti per catalizzatori di alta qualità realizzati “ad-hoc” per soddisfare le esigenze specifiche di ciascun cliente.

## **NB Aurora**

NB Aurora è il primo veicolo di permanent capital quotato in Italia sul segmento MIV che nasce con l’obiettivo di investire in PMI non quotate, convogliando risorse finanziarie a supporto della loro crescita ed internazionalizzazione, contribuendo così a sostenere l’economia reale del Paese. NB Aurora è promosso da Neuberger Berman, società di investimento privata, indipendente e controllata dai propri dipendenti, con circa \$433 miliardi in gestione (al 30 giugno 2021). 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 opera con un approccio di active minority, in un’ottica di partnership con gli imprenditori con un orizzonte temporale di medio-lungo termine. Dopo la prima operazione che ha portato NB Aurora ad acquisire il 44,55% delle quote di Fondo Italiano d’Investimento (17 partecipazioni iniziali quali attualmente mantiene ancora l’investimento in Ligabue, DBA Group, Amut Group e Zeis Excelsa), il fondo ha investito in 9 aziende: Club del Sole (leader nel settore camping-village in Italia), Dierre Group (leader in Italia nella produzione di componenti tech per l’automazione industriale), PHSE (leader italiano nel trasporto a temperatura controllata di farmaci e campioni biologici), BluVet (rete di cliniche veterinarie), Rino Mastrotto Group (leader mondiale nella produzione e commercializzazione delle pelli per i settori fashion, automotive e dell’arredamento), Engineering (leader in Italia nella trasformazione digitale di aziende, organizzazioni pubbliche e private), Veneta Cucine (leader nella progettazione, produzione e realizzazione di mobili per cucina, living e complementi d’arredo), Comet (leader in Italia nello sviluppo e produzione di mescole in gomma naturale e sintetica) e Farmo (leader italiano nella produzione di alimenti confezionati senza glutine, biologici, a base vegetale e molto salutari per marchi propri, marchi terzi e canali private label).

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