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## Eurazeo PME becomes a shareholder of Flash Europe, the European market leader in Premium Freight

Eurazeo PME invests in Flash Europe alongside its CEO - Philippe Higelin – and the management team. Flash Europe intends to scale up its international development and digital growth in the same day and time sensitive premium freight sector.

The investment company Eurazeo PME, a subsidiary of Eurazeo specialized in development and internationalization of medium-sized entities, announces the acquisition of Flash Europe, the European market leader in Premium Freight. In 2014, the Flash Group generated a revenue of €153 million, of which 50% is truly international, through 38 offices in 18 countries. The Group executed about half a million shipments for its customers in 2014. Flash Europe developed a digital freight platform entailed to forecast demand and recommend shipment optimizations. This platform proposes a range of road and airfreight solutions to clients across multiple industries, e.g. automotive, aeronautics, electronics, agricultural machinery, etc. Moreover, Flash developed a tri-partite temperature controlled technology, unique in Europe, that is designed to meet proprietary needs in the healthcare and laboratory sector.

Eurazeo PME is investing €32 million in order to support the 2020 development plan proposed by the management team. After LBO France and Siparex funds, who were present since 2010, Eurazeo PME will become a 43% shareholder in the company, alongside its CEO, Philippe Higelin, its executives and employees.

The transaction is scheduled for completion late September 2015, subject to approval by the relevant competition authorities.

**Philippe Higelin**: "In full agreement with the Group's management committee, we have chosen Eurazeo PME to support our expansion and assist us in the upcoming development phase. During the investment selection process, the Eurazeo PME team has shown an enormous enthusiasm and invested a great amount of time and resources

to obtain an in-depth understanding about the Flash Group growth strategy in terms of financial, human capital and technological perspective. Eurazeo PME's team very quickly realized that the priority for Flash Europe lies in the acceleration of its international growth, mainly through acquisitions as well via continues investments in expanding Flash's digital platform. All elements which keep us one step ahead in the premium transport and logistics industry perceived as an innovative and ground-breaking company".

Erwann Le Ligné, Associate Director of Eurazeo PME: "A indisputable international growth platform, Flash Europe stands out from the competition through its know-how, the use of digital technology at the core of its business model, the quality and reputation of its network. Flash's ability to integrate external growth transactions in France and surely abroad, has been demonstrated in past years. We are delighted to be able to collaborate and support this modern, complementary and truly international management team. Thanks to our investment in the Group, Philippe Higelin and his team will now have access to Eurazeo's international business network, its expertise in identifying and performing targeted acquisitions, and its Corporate and CSR teams. We will particularly support Flash alongside it's strategic priority digital transformation".

## About Eurazeo PME

Eurazeo PME is an investment firm and subsidiary of Eurazeo dedicated to majority investments in French SMEs with an enterprise value of less than €200 million. Eurazeo PME acts as a long-term shareholder, providing its portfolio companies with all the financial, human and organizational resources they need for a durable transformation. It guides its portfolio companies in creating sustained and, hence, responsible growth. This commitment is formalized and deployed through a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) policy.

In 2014, Eurazeo PME generated €482 million in consolidated revenue and is a shareholder in nine soundly positioned companies, strengthened with experienced management teams: Dessange International, Léon de Bruxelles, Péters Surgical, Colisée, Idéal Résidences, Vignal Lighting Group, Flash Europe and The Flexitallic Group, and Fondis Bioritech as a minority shareholder.

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