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Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking is awarded France M&A Adviser of the year by *Acquisitions Monthly*

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking sees the development of strategic advisory service to its clients awarded France M&A Adviser of the year by *Acquisitions Monthly* (Thomson Reuters).

With twenty five newly appointed senior bankers and a mergers & acquisitions team which has doubled over the past eighteen months, the bank has reinforced its global expertise, to align its strategic advisory services to its clients needs. These investments have been made both in terms of sectors⁽¹⁾ and geographies.

In 2010, Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking has advised clients on strategic transactions representing close to 100 billion dollars⁽²⁾. Among the key French advisory transactions, both domestic and cross-border the bank was involved in the acquisition of T&D by Alstom⁽³⁾; the merger between Transdev and Veolia⁽⁴⁾; as well as the acquisition of L-1 Identity Solutions by Safran⁽⁵⁾ and the merger between GDF-Suez and International Power⁽⁶⁾. The bank has also advised international clients on domestic, cross-border or industrial transactions, among which the acquisition of Postbank by Deutsche Bank⁽⁷⁾, the restructuring of the Spanish saving banks⁽⁸⁾ and the acquisition of a stake in Abertis Infraestructuras by CVC Capital Partners and ACS SA⁽⁹⁾.

The strengthening of Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking's strategic M&A advisory is in line with the bank's Ambition SG 2015 plan to enhance its client relationship throughout Europe.

Note to the Editors:

- (1) **Sectors strengthened:** Energy & Resources (Metals & Mining, Oil & Gas, Chemicals, Power & Utilities); Technology, Media & Telecom; Financial Institutions; Industry, Infrastructure & Services, Consumer Goods & Retail; Healthcare; Real Estate.
- (2) **Scope:** overall M&A transactions announced since 01/01/10

Details of the transactions mentioned:

- (3) **Acquisition of Areva T&D by Alstom:** Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as Financial Advisor to Alstom on its acquisition of Areva T&D in a consortium with Schneider Electric, completed in June 2010.
- (4) **Merger between Transdev and Veolia:** Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as Financial Advisor to Caisse des Dépôts et des Consignations on the merger of its subsidiary Transdev with Veolia Transportation, announced in May 2010.
- (5) **Acquisition of L-1 Identity Solutions by Safran:** Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as Financial Advisor to Safran on its acquisition of L-1 biometric, secure credentialing and enrollment businesses, announced in September 2010.
- (6) **Merger between GDF-Suez and International Power:** Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as Financial Advisor to GDF Suez on the merger of its international assets with International Power, announced in August 2010.

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- (7) **Acquisition of Postbank by Deutsche Bank:** Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as joint-Financial Advisor to Deutsche Bank AG on its takeover offer to the shareholders of Deutsche Postbank AG, announced in September 2010.
- (8) **Restructuring of the Spanish saving banks:** Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as Financial Advisor to the saving bank of Extremadura (Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Extremadura) in its four-way merger with Caja de Ahorros del Mediterráneo (CAM), Caja de Ahorros de Asturias (Cajastur), and Caja de Ahorros de Santander y Cantabria (Caja Cantabria), announced in May 2010. The bank also acted as Financial Advisor to Caixa d'Estalvis del Penedes (Caixa Penedes) in its four-way merger with Caja de Ahorros de Murcia (Caja Murcia), Caja General de Ahorros de Granada (Caja Granada) and Caja de ahorros y Monte de Piedad de las Baleares (Sa Nostra), announced in June 2010. These two four-way mergers aim at creating two new banking entities which will also benefit from funding provided by Bank of Spain.
- (9) **Acquisition of a stake in Abertis Infraestructuras by CVC Capital Partners and ACS SA:** Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking acted as Financial Advisor to CVC Capital Partners and ACS SA on the acquisition of 25,83% stake in Abertis, completed in August 2010.

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