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Capgemini to boost its Business Process Outsourcing development in acquiring majority stake in Unilever's Finance & Accounting platform in India

Paris, September 7, 2006 - Capgemini extends its Finance and Accounting Business Process Outsourcing (BPO F&A) capabilities by acquiring from Hindustan Lever Limited (Unilever Group) a 51% shareholding in Unilever India Shared Services Limited (Indigo). The acquisition of Indigo is expected to be consummated in October 2006. The specific terms of the agreement were not disclosed. At the same time, Capgemini and the Unilever Group enter into a seven-year agreement to deliver the full range of BPO F&A services to the Unilever companies which are current customers of Indigo.

Indigo is a provider of financial shared services and Sarbanes Oxley compliance services to the Unilever Group throughout the world. It has operating centres in Bangalore and Chennai and has nearly 600 professionals, including about 75 Chartered Accountants, working in these centres. It currently serves Unilever companies in about 45 countries in Asia, Africa, Oceania, Europe and North America. Indigo has rich experience of migrating and operating a variety of accounting and financial services across a number of countries and has considerable expertise in servicing the Fast Moving Consumer Goods industry.

Mr D Sundaram, Finance Director of Hindustan Lever Limited and Chairman of Indigo said "the partnership with Capgemini brings global shared services skills and technology to HLL and Unilever. It also enables leveraging the current Indigo expertise and capabilities and represents an exciting opportunity for Indigo employees to extend the business outside of the Unilever Group".

The partnership with Unilever will reinforce Capgemini's market-leading position in BPO F&A services, employee services, procurement and knowledge process outsourcing and add significant capabilities to Capgemini around innovative services such as corporate financial compliance and control.

“This acquisition reaffirms Capgemini’s commitment to increasing its presence worldwide, in particular in India, and strengthening its position in BPO F&A services. We will greatly benefit from the expertise of the Indigo team, consolidating our capabilities to serve a wide range of clients” said Hubert Giraud – Chief Executive Officer, Global BPO.

As Indigo will add 600 professionals to the Capgemini BPO team, it will also contribute to the extension of the Group’s existing BPO global delivery network in Poland, China, India, Australia, USA and Canada, with two new centers in India. BPO platforms in India will therefore operate from Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai, delivering first-class services to Capgemini’s clients throughout the world.

“In addition to providing further fillip to our F&A services out of India, we are excited about this relationship with Unilever which will further expand our footprint in India by adding the city of Chennai to our network of global delivery centers”, said Baru Rao CEO, Capgemini India. This acquisition will contribute to Capgemini’s objective of reaching 10,000 employees in India by the end of 2007.

Finally, the partnership will enable Capgemini to better serve its clients through continuous efficiency and effectiveness improvement.

About the Capgemini Group

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