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RAMSAY GÉNÉRALE DE SANTÉ ACQUIRES HÔPITAL PRIVÉ MÉTROPOLE GROUP IN LILLE

CREATION OF THE LEADER IN PRIVATE HOSPITAL CARE IN THE GREATER LILLE AREA

Ramsay Générale de Santé has announced completed today the acquisition of the Hôpital Privé Métropole (HPM) Group for an amount of 135 M€ .

The acquisition enables the Ramsay Générale de Santé Group, the leading private hospital care group in France, to strengthen its healthcare services significantly throughout the Lille catchment area. In practice, the Group will bring together the two private hospitals La Louvière and Villeneuve d'Ascq (Ramsay Générale de Santé) and the nine institutions across the area which currently make up HPM, and unite them in one cluster. The fact that the two groups complement each other in terms of location will enable them to meet the healthcare needs of a catchment area with some 4 million people.

Now with 11 institutions - 10 of which being healthcare institutions and one Establishment of Accommodation for Dependent Old People (E.H.P.A.D)- across the catchment area, Ramsay Générale de Santé has as a result become the leading provider of private hospital care in the greater Lille area, offering a comprehensive range of healthcare services. Following this merger, the Group will be involved in all areas of healthcare: in medicine, surgery, obstetrics, psychiatry, emergency medical care, oncology, as well as follow-up care and rehabilitation.

For Ramsay Générale de Santé, this leading regional Group will have increased capacity to develop networks of excellence and coordinated care pathways, to invest in state-of-the-art equipment and technologies, to promote clinical research and training, and to offer innovative approaches such as robotic surgery, new cancer treatments, and tailored maternity support packages.

"In a difficult economic climate, the creation of this new cluster for the catchment area is a developmental project which will see us being committed to delivering a healthcare provision which is increasingly coherent and understandable, across the whole of the Lille catchment area, which is the fourth largest urban area in France, by pooling our expertise and our resources to benefit each patient," says Pascal Roché, CEO of Ramsay Générale de Santé. *"This agreement is testament to our desire to continue improving the quality of care we offer in all regions where we operate, which we do by relying on our extraordinary teams."*

Dr Frédéric Millot (Hôpital Privé Métropole) says, *"We chose Ramsay Générale de Santé for its investment capacity, the quality of its medical objectives, its vision for the future of our group in the Lille area, and its consideration of the decisions of the medical community in setting out the strategy for the cluster"*.

The Group's new cluster in the greater Lille area bring together 2,180 employees, 700 doctors, across 11 institutions which are expected to treat some 160,000 patients.

HPM

With over 450 practitioners, the largest community of independent medical practitioners around the Lille area, the HPM group has 8 private healthcare institutions, arranged in networks and centres of excellence in order to pool expertise and share equipment, and one Establishment of Accommodation for Dependent Old People (E.H.P.A.D). These HPM institutions are:

- Polyclinique du Bois in Lille
- Clinique Lille Sud in Lesquin
- Clinique Maison Fleurie / Parc Monceau in Lesquin and Lille
- Clinique Ambroise Paré in Lille
- The Sports and Orthopaedic Surgery Clinic in Marcq-en-Barœul
- Clinique de la Victoire in Tourcoing
- Clinique du Val de Lys in Tourcoing
- Clinique Saint Jean in Roubaix
- The Clos Saint Jean nursing home in Roubaix

- **The Ramsay Générale de Santé Greater Lille Area Cluster**

With 320 practitioners, the Ramsay Générale de Santé Greater Lille Area Cluster coordinates the medical projects of the La Louvière Private Hospital (Lille) and the Villeneuve d'Ascq Private Hospital, in order to offer comprehensive and personalised care through four outstanding departments (Orthopaedic Surgery; Urology; Nephrology; and Parents & Children / Gynaecology-Obstetrics), three specialized branches (Digestive; Heart & Lung; and Obesity), and two Centres of Expertise (Lille Area Oncology Institute and Ophthalmology Institute).

Ramsay Générale de Santé has been listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris (formerly the Premier Marché) since June 2001 and is part of the MIDCAC index. The leading private healthcare and health services group, Ramsay Générale de Santé has 22,000 employees in 124 private clinics and hospitals, and works with 6,000 practitioners who represent the largest independent medical community in France. As a major player in hospital care, Ramsay Générale de Santé works across the whole range of care services, in three areas, namely medicine-surgery-obstetrics, follow-up care and rehabilitation, and mental health. Ramsay Générale de Santé is developing a unique range of care services which combine quality, safe management and efficient organisation. The group offers a comprehensive range of care options with individually tailored support before, during and after hospitalisation. It also contributes to public health service work and to the catchment area's healthcare coverage.

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