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Qualified holding - RS Holding, SGPS, S.A.

PHAROL, SGPS S.A. ("PHAROL") hereby informs that Ongoing - Strategy Investments, SGPS, S.A. ("Ongoing"), reduced the shares and the corresponding number of votes directly and through the company controlled by Nivalis Holdings BV ("Nivalis"), representing approximately 3.46% of the share capital and corresponding voting rights of PHAROL.

This reduction is the result:

- a) the sale, on the 12th August, of 37,804,969 common shares of the Company, as a result of the exercise of a right of ownership set out in the loan agreement with stock pledges;
 and
- b) failure to repurchase, by Ongoing of 22,560,000 shares of the Company, which were the subject of an Equity Swap Transaction ("Swap"), as communicated in due course, which expired on the 12th August.

Because of these two events, and as stated above, the qualified participation attributed to Ongoing, in accordance with the provisions of article 20 of CVM, is now represented by 29,735,000 common shares, representing approximately 3.46% the Company's share capital and corresponding voting rights.

The quoted 29,735,000 common shares are directly held by Nivalis, whose holding is attributed, under paragraph b) of paragraph 1 of article 20 of CVM, the company Insight Strategic Investments, SGPS, SA ("Insight"), which holds an interest corresponding to 62.55% of the voting rights in Nivalis, the Ongoing being the majority shareholder of Insight. The votes attributable to Nivalis, the Insight and Ongoing are also attributable to the company RS Holding, SGPS, SA ("RS Holding"), which is majority shareholder of Ongoing, and D. Isabel Rocha dos Santos, who is majority shareholder of RS Holding.

This statement is pursuant to the terms and for the purposes of articles 16 of the Portuguese Securities Code and 2 of the Portuguese Securities Commission Regulation no. 5/2008, following a communication received by Ongoing, with office in Rua Victor Cordon, 19, Lisbon, Portugal.