Sopra Group’s General Meeting approves project to spin-off and list Axway Software separately on the stock market

Paris, 8 June 2011 – Sopra Group’s General Meeting, convened today, has approved the separation of the business activities of Axway Software from those of Sopra Group. Axway Software will be listed on 14 June 2011.

Sopra Group’s General Meeting has approved the exceptional distribution of share premiums and reserves in the form of €3.92 in cash as well as the distribution of one Axway Software share in respect of each Sopra Group share held (representing approximately 73.5% of Axway Software’s share capital), thus carrying out the project to separate and list Axway Software.

Sopra Group will maintain an ownership interest of approximately 26.5% in Axway Software.

On 14 June 2011, the shares of Axway Software will be admitted to trading on the NYSE Euronext regulated market in Paris (Ticker: AXW).

Readers are reminded that the admission prospectus for Axway Software shares on the NYSE Euronext regulated market in Paris received the approval visa of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) dated 29 April 2011 under the number 11-137.

Paragraph 26.1.3 of the admission prospectus that has received the approval visa of the AMF contains a summary on the French tax impact that this distribution is likely to have for Sopra Group shareholders residing in France. Shareholders should contact their tax adviser to assess the tax impact corresponding to their individual case. Moreover, persons residing outside France also have to comply with the tax laws applicable in their country of residence.
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