

**Press Release**

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**Sopra Group announces its planned acquisition of CIBF  
– Compagnie d'Ingénierie Bancaire et Financière –  
thus reinforcing its position in Financial Services in Europe**

Sopra Group has announced its planned acquisition, in cash, of 100% of the share capital of CIBF – Compagnie d'Ingénierie Bancaire et Financière. This proposal, which is subject to the outcome of the Works' Council consultation in accordance with legal provisions, should be finalised by early 2008, subject to the standard conditions precedent. The company will be consolidated in the Group's financial statements as of 1 January 2008.

CIBF has a functionally and technologically state-of-the art "Means of Payment" offering, particularly strong in the Single Euro Payments Area domain (SEPA) and proposes associated services to Financial Institutions and major industrial and commercial corporations. This year, CIBF forecasts revenue of almost 7 million euros and a double-digit percentage margin.

For Sopra Group, this acquisition forms part of its stated strategy of developing its positioning in the European financial services market, and particularly of reinforcing its Evolan™ application solution offerings covering the following areas:

- Consumer credit,
- Payments and distribution,
- Financial risks and reporting.

For CIBF, this tie-up with Sopra Group will enhance its high added-value enterprise project. This project will now be driven within a Group with much wider commercial coverage and with the capacity to optimise improvements to the current offer and secure the clientele.

The financial terms of this transaction have not been disclosed.

## About CIBF - Compagnie d'Ingénierie Bancaire et Financière -

CIBF - Compagnie d'Ingénierie Bancaire et Financière - is a highly-reputed software and solutions provider for banks and major groups (means of payment, management of financial flows, factoring of receivables and management of risks related to banking commitments). CIBF, which is based in the French city of Nantes, was created in 1992. CIBF's share capital is 89.2%-owned by its founders and 10.8%-owned by its managers.

## About Sopra Group

A leader in the European consulting and IT services market, Sopra Group generated revenue of €897.7 million in 2006 and has a human and intellectual resource potential of over 10,000 people. Thanks to a longstanding culture of excellence and strong sector-specific, functional and technological know-how, the Group offers its clients an end to end approach based on a well-honed business model. Sopra Group's ambition is to allow its clients to focus on transformation projects that will give them a competitive edge and help them drive growth. Sopra Group's savoir-faire encompasses prior strategic reflection through to the supervision and implementation of major systems integration and application outsourcing projects. The Group also pursues the worldwide deployment of its activities in both application integration and business process management through its subsidiary Axway, the world's leading provider of Collaborative Business Solutions, with a complete range of solutions and services. For more information, please go to our website [www.sopragroup.com](http://www.sopragroup.com).

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