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## EXCEET GROUP AG MAINTAINS STRONG SALES GROWTH IN SECOND QUARTER 2011

Group Sales rise 30% compared to previous year

**Luxembourg, 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2011** – According to information provided by Exceet Group AG, the preliminary non audited consolidated group sales of Exceet Group AG for the first half-year of 2011, 1st of January to 30th of June 2011, were approx. 100 million Swiss Francs (approx. 79 million Euros). Compared to the first half of the previous year, sales have risen by approx. 30% from 76.5 million Swiss Francs (63.1 million Euro). Sales of AuthentiDate International AG, acquired in April 2011, and Contec GmbH, acquired in May 2011, have been consolidated into the preliminary group sales as of the date of their acquisition.

Against the background of the planned acquisition by Helikos SE, Exceet Group AG confirms its positive expectations with regards to group sales. For the full year, sales are expected to continue to grow in all business units due to the positive order situation. Of particular importance was the strong growth in the demand for Exceet's medical technology solutions, as well as the success with innovative and high-quality card based security solutions in the ID Management & Systems segment.

The extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of Helikos SE at which the shareholders are asked to vote on the acquisition of Exceet Group AG, as well as the corresponding special meeting of Class A warrantholders are both scheduled for the 21st of July 2011. Helikos also announced that in order to facilitate the potential resale of shares that may be purchased by Oranje Nassau Participaties BV (the Wendel Shareholder) from redeeming shareholders under the founders purchase option and to help meet potential demand from new investors for such shares, Helikos has entered into agreements with several investment banks under which such banks will be paid commissions by Helikos in exchange for their services in facilitating the resale of a portion of the shares that may be purchased by the Wendel Shareholder.

## About Helikos SE

Helikos is a special purpose acquisition company established for the sole purpose of acquiring a business. Its intention is to identify a "Hidden Champion" with solid fundamentals and partner with existing shareholders and management team to help develop and execute further growth of that company.

In February 2010, Helikos raised €200 million from German and international institutional investors and listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. Helikos was founded by Wendel SA, Paris, a family-controlled, European listed investment company with more than 300 years of history and a 30-year track record of successful industrial investments, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Hermann Simon, founder and Chairman of Simon-Kucher & Partners Strategy and Marketing Consultants, a leading global consulting firm established in 1985 in Bonn, Germany and Roland Lienau Managing Director of Wendel, member of Wendel's Investment Committee and previously co-head of German Equity Capital Markets for Deutsche Bank. Further information on Helikos SE is available at <u>www.helikosgroup.com.</u>

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