



Exercise in full of the over-allotment option Total offering size increased to approximately €1,240 million

Paris, November 5, 2007 – Bureau Veritas announced today that, in relation to its initial public offering, the Joint Bookrunners have exercised in full the over-allotment option resulting in the purchase from Wendel of 4,283,445 additional existing shares at the offering price of €37.75 per share.

As a result, the total number of Bureau Veritas shares offered in connection with its initial public offering amounts to 32,839,750 shares (excluding the employee offering), or approximately 31% of Bureau Veritas' share capital, thereby increasing the total offering size to approximately €1,240 million.

Following the exercise of the over-allotment option, Wendel will hold 63.6% of the share capital.

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Bureau Veritas is present in 140 countries through a network of 700 offices and laboratories. It has more than 27,000 employees and a client base of more than 280,000.

In the last ten years, since 1996, Bureau Veritas has quadrupled its sales to €1.846 billion in 2006. Its adjusted operating profit has increased seven-fold to €268 million. In 2006, the group posted consolidated net profit of €154 million.

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