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PRESS RELEASE – ONION enters the ALTEN Group

Brescia, 28 January 2009. ONION S.p.A. announced today the acquisition of 100% of its shares by Group ALTEN. The operation, that was built in over one year of strategic negotiations, projects ONION into a new dimension in IT and Techno Service delivery in Italy, and represents an important step in ALTEN's growing commitment to the Italian market. The acquisition has been welcomed by Gualtiero Bazzana, long-time Managing Director of ONION, who retains his position after the operation: "We have appreciated the long term vision and strategy of ALTEN Group, and believe that this operation will boost ONION's role as a leading player in the Italian IT and Techno scenario. This is an important evolution for ONION's management and staff, who will have the opportunity to develop their professional skills in a challenging and highly qualified context". At the closing of the operation, Fabrice Pecqueur, ALTEN's Executive Vice President and newly appointed Chairman of the Board for ONION, said: "ONION's skills and reputation are highly appreciated in the Italian market. The company has consistently demonstrated its ability to obtain excellent results in a challenging market and makes an ideal complement to our existing presence in Italy. The group is delighted to have ONION's management and staff on board".

About ONION

ONION S.p.A. (www.onion.it) operates since 1994 in the Information Technology market in Italy, acting as a 1st Tier supplier for the design, realization and management of innovative IT and Techno solutions for large and medium-sized organizations. Born as a development, experimentation and implementation centre for IT and embedded technologies, ONION has posted excellent results for FY 2008, totaling about 10,3 million Euro revenue with a 19,8% growth YOY and a solid profitability; the company currently can count on around 140 experienced engineers in Brescia (Headquarters), Milan and Turin.

About ALTEN

The Alten Group (www.alten.fr), head quartered in France, is the European Leading company in Engineering and Consulting in High Technologies and IT services. As of the end of 2008 the group has a turnover of about 850 Millions Euro and over 12.000 employees in 15 countries, with multidisciplinary skills (Networks, IT, Electronics, Embedded software, Mechanical engineering, etc.) and a well balanced coverage of every business sector (Telecoms and Multimedia, Financial Services, Automotive, Aeronautics & Space, Defense, Consumer Electronics, Public Transportation, etc.). ALTEN stock is listed on 'compartment B' of the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ISIN FR0000071946). It is part of the SBF 120, the IT CAC 50 and MIDCAP 100 indexes.

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