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De Lage Landen International B.V. ("DLL") intends to acquire Athlon Holding N.V. ("Athlon") by way of a public offer for all issued and outstanding ordinary shares in the share capital of Athlon.

DLL is an international provider of high-quality asset-based financing products. DLL, headquartered in Eindhoven (the Netherlands), is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Dutch Rabobank Group. With offices and joint ventures in more than 25 countries throughout Europe, the Americas, and Asia Pacific, DLL specializes internationally in asset financing and vendor finance programmes. DLL's global offering also includes an array of commercial finance solutions. The car and commercial vehicle lease activities of DLL are concentrated in De Lage Landen Translease ("DLLT"), which is active only in the Netherlands.

Athlon is an international, provider of full service operational car leasing and car body repair, focusing on the corporate market. Athlon is incorporated as holding company and operates in six countries: the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany and Spain. In 2005, Athlon had a workforce of almost 1,600 employees. Athlon's ordinary shares are listed on Euronext Amsterdam.

Athlon and DLL expect to achieve strategic, commercial and financing benefits from the acquisition. The combination of car leasing companies Athlon Car Lease and DLLT will result in a strong and efficient leasing company in the Netherlands. Athlon and DLL believe that Athlon shareholders will benefit from the public offer in that, if and when made, it provides an opportunity to shareholders to offer their Athlon shares at an attractive price.

The activities of DLL and Athlon overlap on the market for full fleet leasing and management services in the Netherlands.