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**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS AUTHORISED THE COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT TEAM TO PLAN
A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS AN ACQUISITION**

Montpellier, October 2nd, 2002 : QUALIFLOW (Euroclear 7786), a company specialising in the design, development, production and marketing of ultra-high purity gas flow control components, today announced its intention to plan a strategic partnership with a smaller unlisted French industrial company.

This deal fits perfectly with Qualiflow's industrial and acquisition strategy: the combination of two companies' technologies and products, that are very complementary, will yield significant synergies. It will particularly enable QUALIFLOW to broaden its skill-base in high-growth and high value-added activities while at the same time reducing its exposure to industry cycles.

The terms of this deal call for an all-paper consideration, and is subject to obtaining necessary approvals.

QUALIFLOW – www.qualiflow.com - specialises in the design, development, production and marketing of ultra-high purity gas control systems and components : valves, mass flow controllers (MFC) and gas systems. With sales figures of almost 11.5 M€ in 2000 and 19.3 M€ in 2001, QUALIFLOW plans to become the world leader in gas components. QUALIFLOW is one of the foremost technological firms specialising in digital Mass Flow Controllers which are revolutionising the control of ultra-high purity gases. The company's expertise is vitally important in the manufacturing of semiconductors, fibre optics and electronic components used to support the development of consumer telecommunications applications. QUALIFLOW is quoted in the NextEconomy segment of Euronext.

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