



PRESS RELEASE Real and Dolmen announce decision regarding tax consequences of envisaged merger

Kontich/Huizingen: On July 17, 2008 Real and Dolmen were informed of the positive decision of the Tax Ruling Commission. The Commission confirmed (i) that a merger between Real and Dolmen in accordance with the Company Code meets legitimate financial or economic needs and that the merger constitutes a tax neutral transaction in accordance with article 211, §1, *secundo*, 3° of the Belgian Income Tax Code, and (ii) that the envisaged retroactivity of the merger for tax purposes as of April 1, 2008 is acceptable, taking into account among others that there have not been any exceptional accounting results or asset transfers since April 1, 2008, so that as a consequence, the ratio between the net tax value of Real before the merger and the aggregate net tax values of Real and Dolmen before the merger, for purposes of calculating the tax losses carried forward that will survive the merger, in accordance with article 206, §2 of the Belgian Income Tax Code, is calculated on the basis of the balance sheets of Real and Dolmen per March 31, 2008.

The two boards intend to convene an extraordinary shareholders meeting shortly, hoping to close the merger before the end of the third quarter. At the occasion of such convocation, the companies will publish the special board and auditor's reports prescribed by law.

RealDolmen will become one of the largest independent ICT providers in Belgium, generating over €250m in turnover and over 6% Ebit margin. Through the merger, the combined entity to realize a stronger market and client share with integrated IT services as well as to realize other operational and financial synergies.

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About DOLMEN

DOLMEN is an experienced IT service provider with about 1,000 employees. The company was established in 1982 and currently operates out of six regional offices.





DOLMEN's mission, in partnership with the customer, is to maximize its added value by effectively and efficiently introducing and implementing state-of-the-art ICT solutions.

DOLMEN supplies services and integrated solutions relating to infrastructure and its systems engineering aspects, business applications and training.

As a result of its years of experience with all platforms, from mainframe to handheld, **DOLMEN** is well-placed in terms of service provision. Areas of knowledge such as installation, roll-out, networking, administration and security, combined with development, audit and consulting make **DOLMEN** a unique player in the Belgian market as a total solution provider. **DOLMEN** has been quoted on Euronext Brussels since October 1999.

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