

The great success of the placement may entail a change in the maximum amounts allocated to the different tranches of the financing

## **Grifols expects to close for an amount of USD 1.5 billion the first tranche of the syndicated financing to acquire Talecris**

- **The financial institutions tranche could increase up to USD 1.5 billion from the USD 750 million initially estimated, whereas the long term syndicated financing with institutional investors would be reduced to a maximum amount of USD 1.6 billion, from the initial USD 2.35 billion**
- **The group envisages a gradual placement of each of the tranches to complete the total maximum amount of debt guaranteed by 6 financial institutions, totaling USD 4.2 billion, plus a revolving credit facility of USD 300 million**

**Barcelona, 15 September, 2010** – Grifols, the Spanish business group specializing in the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry, anticipates closing its long-term syndicated financing tranche with financial institutions for USD 1.5 billion, as opposed to the USD 750 million initially foreseen. The success of the transaction set up to finance the proposed acquisition of Talecris (pending approval by the US anti-trust authorities) has enabled the Spanish group to partly reorganize the financial structure initially envisaged optimizing maturities and cost of debt. The total maximum amount, guaranteed by a syndicate of 6 banks (Deutsche Bank, Nomura, BBVA, BNP Paribas, HSBC and Morgan Stanley), amounting to USD 4.2 billion, plus a revolving credit facility of USD 300 million does not change.

The long term syndicated financing with institutional investors would in turn be reduced to a maximum amount of USD 1.6 billion, from the USD 2.35 billion initially foreseen. The tranche reserved for a possible bond issuance, set at a maximum of USD 1.1 billion, and the revolving credit facility totaling USD 300 million are kept at the same levels.

To date, Grifols has obtained the commitment of 24 national and international financial institutions to underwrite this tranche of the syndication, which shows banks trust the growth strategy devised by Grifols and its sound presence in the industry.

As a preliminary step to the syndication, Grifols obtained for the first time a credit rating by Standard & Poor's and Moody's. The levels awarded to its senior debt, BB and Ba3 respectively, have allowed the group to comfortably place this tranche of debt.

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Currently, the group is engaged in placing the remaining tranches making up the structure, and it is getting ready to close the acquisition, subject to obtaining authorizations from the regulators and competition authorities, and the respective approvals of the shareholders in each company.

## ***Amendment of the financing structure foreseen for the Talecris acquisition***

Total secured senior debt remains at a maximum of USD 3.4 billion

- **Long-term syndicated financing with financial institutions:** 5 year term loan for a total amount of USD 1.5 billion, as opposed to USD 750 million initially planned. Margin of 375 basis points (bp) above Libor and 400 bp above Euribor. BB and Ba3 rating.
- **Long term syndicated financing with institutional investors:** Bullet loan (payment of the full amount of principal upon maturity) with a 6 year term, for a maximum of USD 1.6 billion, down from the initially foreseen USD 2.35 billion (tranche not yet closed). BB and Ba3 rating.
- **Senior revolving credit line:** USD 300 million. BB and Ba3 rating.

Furthermore, Grifols could issue bonds up to USD 1.1 billion (rating B and B3) that together with the USD 3.4 billion long term financing would complete a maximum financing of USD 4.5 billion, guaranteed by the 6 financial entities acting as book runners: Deutsche Bank, Nomura, BBVA, BNP Paribas, HSBC and Morgan Stanley.

The company anticipates that, once the Talecris acquisition has been completed, its new leverage level will entail a net financial debt/EBITDA ratio around 5 x; nevertheless, the significant operating synergies expected to be generated (approximately a sustained USD 230 million per year, to be progressively achieved as from the fourth year onwards) and the increase in short term cash flows following the integration, will allow for a swift reduction of such ratio. Indeed, it is estimated that by 2012 the ratio will decrease up to 3x EBITDA and by 2014, Grifols will return to its current indebtedness levels, which are around 2x EBITDA.

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## About Grifols

Grifols is a Spanish holding company specialized in the pharmaceutical-hospital sector and is present in more than 90 countries. Since 2006, the company has been listed on the Spanish Stock Exchange (“Mercado Continuo”) and is part of the Ibex-35. Currently it is the first company in the European sector in plasma derivatives and the fourth in production worldwide. In upcoming years, the company will strengthen its leadership in the industry as a vertically integrated company, thanks to recent planned investments. In terms of raw materials, Grifols has ensured its plasma supply with 80 plasmapheresis centers in the United States and in terms of fractionation, its plants in Barcelona (Spain) and Los Angeles (United States) will allow the company to respond to the growing market demand. Nevertheless, the company is preparing for sustained growth in the following 8-10 years and has launched an ambitious investment plan.

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