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Questel announces LBO by SGCE

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SG Capital Europe take a majority share in Questel through an LBO operation. Management and employees of Questel remain significant shareholders in the Company.

Questel has assisted corporations globally in managing their intellectual property for over 30 years. Covering patents, trademarks and industrial design, the Company's industry-leading products and services comprise databases, search and monitoring services, workflow solutions and docketing software. Questel is headquartered in Paris, with offices in Sophia Antipolis, the high-tech center in the South of France, Brussels and Washington DC. www.questel.com

SG Capital Europe is a leading independent private equity investor in unquoted mid-sized companies in continental Europe. Its investment strategy targets leading businesses with strong market positions, where it believes it can create long-term, solid shareholder value. It operates from offices throughout Europe. www.sgce.com

Charles Besson, Questel CEO, Paris, said:

"I am confident that with the investment this deal has secured, the huge potential of Questel in intellectual property can now be realised. The Company already has great management combined with a proven track record, and I am pleased to report that nearly 80% of employees are now investors in Questel. I look forward to working with SG Capital and existing directors as we seek to expand through both organic and acquisitive growth. This significant milestone signals a new era for Questel."

Philippe Renié, SG Capital Europe Director, Paris, said:

"We have been impressed by Questel's high level of expertise and its management and employee commitment. We believe strongly in Questel's ability to capture new market opportunities and look forward to building on its current strategy. Questel's leading position in intellectual property management provides a tremendous platform for growth. SG Capital Europe is proud to support management's efforts to grow the Company."

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