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ICT surprised by unsolicited proposal to merge

The Board of Management and the Supervisory Board of ICT Automatisering (ICT or 'the company') have taken notice of the announcement of DPA Group N.V. (DPA) that it has taken a 20.4% shareholding in the company and proposes to combine its business with ICT's.

After DPA approached ICT in April, some initial, exploratory talks have taken place. ICT is of the opinion that the activities of both companies substantially differ and believes that DPA's strategy based purely on secondment activities deviates from that of ICT. At this stage, ICT sees few shared viewpoints and believes that the proposal appears to lack strategic rationale. Furthermore, based on the indicative exchange ratio, ICT is of the opinion that DPA's unsolicited proposal significantly undervalues the company. Therefore, ICT believes there is no cause to believe that a merger would be in the best interest of ICT and its stakeholders.

The Board of Management and Supervisory Board will however carefully review DPA's proposal and its viability consistent with its fiduciary duties and its commitment to the strategy of ICT and the interest of all its stakeholders, including its shareholders.

ICT has a focus on sustainable growth by offering added value, through specialised expertise and topclass solutions based on innovative technology. ICT is convinced that in this role it can add the highest value to all its stakeholders. To support this focus on sustainable growth, ICT is exploring various strategic opportunities.

ICT will keep its shareholders and other stakeholders informed of significant developments and will issue additional statements if and when appropriate.

About ICT

ICT Automatisering's goal is to simplify and improve our clients' business, production and communication processes and to make them more flexible. We do this by using our high-grade technological expertise. We deploy this expertise in the form of inventive and effective product and market combinations. ICT is organised in line with the markets we serve. We have six verticals: Automotive, Industrial Automation, Logistics, Machine & Systems, Healthcare and Energy. Each vertical offers professionals with specific know-how and expertise of a market's products and processes. For more detailed information on ICT, visit our website at www.ict.eu.

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