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PRESS RELEASE

Response to Speculation

Paris, September 22, 2005—Publicis Groupe SA (“Publicis”) confirms that very preliminary conversations have been held with Aegis Group plc (“Aegis”) in respect of a possible offer. At this stage, it is extremely premature to conclude that these conversations will lead to an offer for Aegis.

A further announcement will be made if and when appropriate.

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Groupe’s communication activities cover advertising, through three autonomous global advertising networks: Leo Burnett, Publicis, Saatchi & Saatchi, as well as through its two multi-hub networks Fallon Worldwide and Bartle Bogle Hegarty, 49%-owned ; media consultancy and buying through two worldwide networks ZenithOptimedia and Starcom MediaVest Group; and marketing services and specialized communications including direct marketing, public relations, corporate and financial communications, multicultural and healthcare communications.

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