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Adecco Group completes acquisition of MPS Group, Inc.

Major acquisition further strengthens Group portfolio as recruiter sets tone for 2010

(London) 20th January 2009 – The Adecco Group has successfully completed the acquisition of MPS Group, Inc. ('MPS Group'), a leading provider of professional staffing services, for an enterprise value of EUR¹ 782 million, or USD 13.80 per share.

MPS Group is a leading provider of specialty staffing, consulting, and business solutions across various professional business lines such as information technology, finance and accounting, public sector, legal, engineering and healthcare. MPS Group is one of the largest professional staffing firms in North America and also has a strong position in the UK, Europe, Australia and Asia.

The MPS deal, which follows the acquisition of Spring Group in the final quarter of 2009, will further strengthen Adecco Group's position as one of the largest and most influential forces in UK recruitment.

For Adecco Group UK & Ireland specifically, the main additions to the Group's portfolio will come in the shape of Badenoch & Clark, specializing in recruiting for accounting and finance, change management, banking and financial services, HR, IT, legal, marketing and public sector roles; Modis International, an IT and engineering recruitment specialist; and Judd Farris, a property and facilities management recruitment specialist. Each of these brands will continue to operate as individual entities, capitalizing on the skills and expertise inherent in each business line.

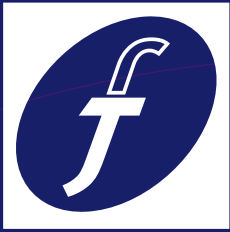
Peter Searle, CEO of Adecco Group UK and Ireland commented: "The acquisition of MPS serves not only as a chance to further strengthen and diversify the Adecco Group portfolio, but also as a statement of intent regarding the UK recruitment landscape. As we move further into 2010, the opportunity to reinvigorate and revitalize employment in the UK will only continue to grow. This acquisition ensures that we are well placed to capitalise on that opportunity."

For further information on this acquisition, please visit the following link:

<http://www.adecco.com/MediaRelations/MediaReleases/Pages/MediaReleases.aspx>

¹ Spot exchange rate: 1.49 USD/EUR

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About the Adecco Group

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Information in this release may involve guidance, expectations, beliefs, plans, intentions or strategies regarding the future. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. All forward-looking statements included in this release are based on information available to Adecco S.A. as of the date of this release, and we assume no duty to update any such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this release are not guarantees of future performance and actual results could differ materially from our current expectations. Numerous factors could cause or contribute to such differences. Factors that could affect the Company's forward-looking statements include, among other things: global GDP trends and the demand for temporary work; changes in regulation of temporary work; intense competition in the markets in which the Company competes; changes in the Company's ability to attract and retain qualified internal and external personnel or clients; the potential impact of disruptions related to IT; any adverse developments in existing commercial relationships, disputes or legal and tax proceedings.

About the Adecco Group

The Adecco Group, based in Zurich, Switzerland, is the world's leading provider of HR solutions. With over 28,000 FTE employees and more than 5,700 offices, in over 60 countries and territories around the world, Adecco Group offers a wide variety of services, connecting more than 500,000 colleagues with over 100,000 clients every day. The services offered fall into the broad categories of temporary staffing, permanent placement, outsourcing, consulting and outplacement. The Adecco Group is a Fortune Global 500 company.

Adecco S.A. is registered in Switzerland (ISIN: CH0012138605) with listings on the SIX Swiss Exchange (ADEN) and on Euronext in France (ADE).

About Badenoch & Clark:

Badenoch & Clark is a leading international recruitment consultancy specialising in placing professionals into permanent, temporary, interim and contract roles. The company specialises in recruiting for accounting & finance, banking & financial services, human resources, IT, legal, marketing, project & programme management, procurement and public sector roles.

Badenoch & Clark has offices throughout the UK and an expanding mainland European presence through subsidiaries in The Netherlands, Germany and Luxembourg.

About Modis International:

As one of the world's largest providers of information technology services and solutions, Modis International provides IT and engineering staff across a range of industries. Our expertise is derived from more than 30 years experience in delivering world class IT staffing solutions to clients across the UK, Europe, USA and Canada.

Judd Farris

Judd Farris is a global organization and specialist property recruitment consultancy. With 11 offices across Australia, Asia and the UK we provide comprehensive staffing solutions to many of the world's leading corporate groups, partnerships, government bodies and institutions.

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