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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

### **Optical Disc de France S.A. obtains suspension of payment to enable reorganisation.**

DOCdata N.V. announces that the Trade Court ('Tribunal de Commerce') of Chaumont (France) has decided today to accept the petition filed by the management board of Optical Disc de France S.A. in Langres (DOCdata France), a 100% subsidiary of the DOCdata group, to grant suspension of payment to Optical Disc de France S.A. The President of the Court has appointed Maître Yves-Jérôme Krebs as administrator, effective immediately.

According to the management board of DOCdata France, suspension of payment is inevitable due to continuation in 2004 of the strong decrease in net sales, as occurred in 2002 and 2003. As a result of this, the activities of the Company remain loss making and the restructuring initiated in the second half of the year 2003 did not yield the intended effect. The Company is therefore forced to implement additional restructuring. In the opinion of the management board of DOCdata France, a drastic reorganisation through filing of a petition to grant suspension of payment at this moment is the best solution in view of the continuity and the future of DOCdata France. The employees of DOCdata France have already been informed through the workers' council, which was informed that a Social Plan will be drawn up during the coming weeks.

No further announcements can yet be made on the effect of the reorganisation through suspension of payment for DOCdata France on the 2004 year-end results and the equity per 31 December 2004, and on the number of people employed by the Company in Langres, as it is insufficiently clear at this moment to what extent additional restructuring of DOCdata France shall be required. Management of DOCdata N.V. expects that no announcement on the influence of this on the results and the equity of DOCdata N.V. can be made prior to publication of the 2004 year-end results of DOCdata N.V., scheduled for 17 February 2005.

Contrary to DOCdata France, the other companies of the Media Group, DOCdata Benelux, DOCdata Germany and DOCdata UK, as well as Industrial Automation Integrators and E-commerce Fulfillment, will be profitable in 2004.

- DOCdata Media Group is a leading independent provider of supply chain management services for content owners: movie, audio, multimedia and software publishers in Europe.
- DOCdata E-commerce Fulfillment business specialises in fine meshed logistics and personalised distribution for amongst others Internet shops, retail chains and hard- and software companies, predominantly for the European market.
- Industrial Automation Integrators currently designs and builds production systems, which utilise optical and laser technology for application in amongst others document security systems for high security printers and equipment for processing of packaging materials. Industrial Automation Integrators also provides security features for authentication.

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