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The European Commission approves the intended acquisition of Solvus by United Services Group

Almere, 4 August 2005. United Services Group N.V. announces that this week the European Commission, in the scope of the control of concentrations between undertakings, approved the intended acquisition of Solvus NV. Herewith one of the conditions for acceptance of all shares of Solvus tendered under the offer is fulfilled. The two remaining conditions for the offer are presented in the offer memorandum dated 18 July 2005.

The acceptance period of the offer started on Monday 18 July 2005 and is open until Friday 12 August 2005, 16.00 hrs CET. United Services Group will announce the results of the offer on Friday 19 August 2005 at the latest and will at the same time announce whether or not accepting the offered shares. United Services Group will accept the offered shares if the conditions for the offer are met, or if United Services Group will waive (one or more of) these conditions.

Copies of the offer memorandum dated 18 July 2005 are available at no cost at the Belgian offices of Fortis Bank. For information purposes only, the offer memorandum is also available via the following websites: www.fortisbank.be/beleggen, www.unitedservicesgroup.com and www.solvus.com.

The offer is only made in Belgium and subject to the conditions as included in the offer document. This press release is neither an offer to purchase or sell, nor a request by any party whatsoever in any jurisdiction. Nowhere outside Belgium have steps been taken (nor shall steps be taken) to enable a public offer in any jurisdiction in which action would be required.

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Profile United Services Group

United Services Group is a European service provider of flexible employment, training/education and customer care services. The group is active in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal. Shares of USG are listed on Euronext Amsterdam (Stock Exchange) and are included in the Small company index (AScX). A range of service offerings are provided via a number of independent operating companies including Unique, Start, Secretary Plus and Technicum (temping & secondment), United Restart (career intervention, reintegration and job coaching), United Capacity, United Technical Solutions (recruitment & selection, secondment and project-type activities for professional specialists), Luzac College and InterCollege (education) and Telecom Direct and Call-IT (customer contact-centers).

Website: www.unitedservicesgroup.com

Profile Solvus

Solvus provides innovative human resources services and solutions at regional, national and European levels. In 2004 Solvus realised turnover of 1.5 billion euro with more than 35 operating companies and 3,200 permanent employees.

The group has its head office in Antwerp (Belgium) and is active in ten countries in Europe: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Spain and Switzerland. On the one hand Solvus' brand portfolio comprises strong international brands like Acea, Beaver ITServices, Creyf's and Innovativ. On the other hand Solvus also has strong national brands including ABI, Carela, Content, Express Medical, Financial Forces, HR Forces, Legal Forces, Receptel and StarJob. Solvus has been listed on the stock exchange since 1990 and features in Euronext Next150 and NextPrime.

Website: www.solvus.com