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PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to Articles 114 Law 24 February 1998 no. 58 and 66 Consob Regulation no. 11971/99

TAS S.p.A.

TAS finalises the purchase of two business units from NCH and shareholdings from DS DATA SYSTEMS

Today TAS – Tecnologia Avanzata dei Sistemi S.p.A. (“**TAS**”) within the scope of the aggregation plan as better described in the press releases of 1st of June 2006 and of 24th of July 2006, finalised the purchase of two business units from NCH Network Computer House S.p.A. (“**NCH**”) and of shareholdings owned by DS Data Systems S.p.A. (“**DS**”) in DS Finance S.r.l., DS Taxi S.r.l. and DS Servizi Direzionali e Strategici S.r.l.. The operation takes effect starting from the 1st of August 2006.

The total price of the acquisition has been agreed in Euro 115 millions of enterprise value less the total net financial position equal to Euro 25.8 millions. The total purchase price due by TAS to DS and NCH totals therefore Euro 89.2 millions.

For the purposes of paying the price, to be completed within the 30th of October 2006, TAS, as formerly communicated, will use its own financial means for 15 millions Euro (of which 4.7 already paid to NCH) and will recur both to a Vendor loan of 35 millions Euro made available by NCH and, as for the balance, to a loan granted by Banca Intesa S.p.A..

The information document, provided for in Article 71 of Consob Regulation 11971/99, including also information as under Article 71-bis of the same Regulation concerning related parties, will be drafted and made available within the 16th of August 2006.

This press release will also be available on the Company’s web site: www.tasitalia.com.

TAS SpA, company of the N.C.H. Group, listed on the Milan MTAX as of May 2000, STAR segment, is the Italian market leader in the segment of software and services for the linkage between Banks, Brokers and the Stock Exchanges. TAS software enables the STP (Straight Through Processing) comprising the diffusion of financial information in real time, collection, routing, negotiation and settlement of Stock Market Orders for Retail, and Professional Traders and for Institutional Investors. TAS is now expanding its business abroad through its subsidiaries in France and Switzerland and through a wider offer of new and innovative solutions for core banking processes such as the automation of Credit Management, Portfolio Management and CRM (Customer Relationship Management).

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