



Press release

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OPG finalises acquisition Byram Healthcare

With the completion of the customary regulatory approvals the acquisition of Byram Healthcare has been finalised. The intention to acquire Byram was announced in a press release dated 19 February 2008.

OPG acquires Byram Healthcare, one of the largest providers of medical supplies for home healthcare and related services in the United States for a total amount of \$ 132 million (€ 85 million at the current exchange rate) in an all cash transaction. Byram is expected to generate revenues of \$ 150 million (€ 97 million) and an EBITDA of \$ 14 million (€ 9 million) for the full year ending June 2008, serving 300,000 customers.

The acquisition is anticipated to be immediately accretive to OPG's earnings per share. The results of Byram will be consolidated as of today.

With this acquisition, OPG obtains a strong US national platform to further execute its long term strategy to grow direct business internationally. The business model and product range are identical to OPG's existing direct activities in Europe.

Marc van Gelder, CEO: *'The USA is an exciting market for us to enter and this acquisition is in line with our strategy of growing our international business. Bringing together the experience of OPG with Byram Healthcare's excellent knowledge of the US market will make Byram a powerhouse well placed to take a leading position in the US homecare business.'*

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As well as being the market leader in the Netherlands, OPG has operations in Poland, Belgium, the United States, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Hungary and Switzerland. The company has approximately 7,700 employees, was incorporated in 1899 and has been listed on Euronext Amsterdam since 1992.