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Elior announces its acquisition of a controlling interest in the Spanish company Alessa

Elior is pleased to announce that it has acquired control over the Spanish contract catering company Alessa. The acquisition was carried out through Elior's subsidiary Seruni3n in partnership with the Torrelles family which founded Alessa twenty-five years ago and which has managed the company up until today.

Based in Barcelona, Alessa has a solid presence in Spain in the Business & Industry, Education and Healthcare & Seniors markets. It employs 2,400 people in 200 restaurants and has a leadership position in the retirement homes and schools sectors. The company has enjoyed steady growth and in 2010 generated revenue of €50.2 million.

The acquisition of this controlling interest in Alessa will push Seruni3n's revenue up to €400 million and strengthen Elior's leading position in the Spanish contract catering market.

Commenting on the acquisition, Gilles Petit, Chief Executive Officer of the Elior Group said *"I am delighted with this growth transaction that we have carried out in partnership with a well-known player in our industry. It is a move that will enable Elior to bolster its leading position in Spain"*.

About Elior

Founded in 1991, Elior ranks third in the European contracted foodservice and related services market. The Group, which generated revenue of €3.783 billion in 2009/2010, applies its know-how in three business lines: Contract Catering, Concessions and Support Services.

Our 82,000 employees are passionately professional, providing catering and personalised service solutions to three million customers in fourteen countries day in day out, with an unwavering commitment to taking genuine care of each and every one.

As a socially responsible enterprise, Elior has been a member of the United Nations Global Compact since 2004. The Group pays particular attention to consumers' increasing expectations for high-quality and nutritious food as well as to the professional development of its employees and the impact of its activities on the environment. For more information please visit www.elior.com

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