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## ACQUISITION BY YXELIA OF AVANCE GROUP IN HOLLAND ARKEA CAPITAL JOINS CICLAD IN YXELIA BUILDUP

The management of YXELIA is pleased to announce today the conclusion of the the acquisition by YXELIA of AVANCE Group in Holland, managed by Mr Ronald STOMP, and specialized in :

- The administration, security, optimization and virtualization of enterprise networks.
- Applications packaging Services
- Managed Services

AVANCE, with 20 M€ of annual sales, delivers since its inception an exceptional profitability. Mr Ronald STOMP will bring part of his shares to be associated with YXELIA shareholders in the ongoing international buildup project in the fields of Networks & Telecom.

It is the third operation of the new group YXELIA, started in October 2014, after the acquisition of SETELIA and the launch of the subsidiary SETELIA BENELUX in Belgium in January 2015.

For this new operation, the investment fund FCPI ARKEA CAPITAL 1, managed by ARKEA CAPITAL INVESTISSEMENT, joins CICLAD in the financing of YXELIA, in association with the managers Carlos BEDRAN, Charbel SEBAALI and Malek OUADI.

*« I am delighted to enter the Group in association with Carlos BEDRAN, sharing large ambitions for the 5 years to come, to allow the emergence of an international leader, capable of assisting its clients in the management of their telecom and network infrastructures with associated mobility issues, and the improvement of their productivity by a digital transformation »* has declared Mr Ronald STOMP after the closing that took place on April 8th, 2015.

### **About Yxelia**

Established in October 2014, the Group Yxelia represents a workforce of over 350 consultants for a turnover of € 30 million, split between France, Belgium, Holland and Lebanon. Basing its strategy on organic growth and a policy of dynamic external growth, Yxelia Group aims at becoming a major international player in the world of Network & Telecom.

### **About Avance**

AVANCE is a full service IT&networks partner with a complete range of services and solutions such as:

- Outsourcing of network specialists;

- *Application packaging and virtualization;*
- *Migration projects;*
- *Business Intelligence.*

*AVANCE has offices in Brooklyn and Purmerend and has more than 250 professionals at work*

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