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MAUREL & PROM

In response to today's article published in the Indian Express, Maurel & Prom and Pacifico state as follows:

Maurel & Prom and Pacifico deny having received any takeover bid on Maurel & Prom shares.

Maurel & Prom and Pacifico also deny having organized an auction bid process.

Given the above, references made to any specific price or to a so-called "Share Purchase Agreement" are groundless.

However, Maurel & Prom indicates that it has recently received several marks of interest, which have not been considered meaningful and as such did not warrant a communication to the market. Furthermore, the company ascertains that no exclusivity rights have been granted.

Listed on : Eurolist d'Euronext – compartiment A

Maurel & Prom Shares :

- Code Isin FR0000051070
- Code Bloomberg MAU FP
- Code Reuters MAUP.PA

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