

Turin, September 6, 2006

PRESS RELEASE

IFIL Group agrees to the Public Exchange Offer launched by Sequana Capital

As regards to the Public Exchange Offer approved today by the Board of Directors of Sequana Capital, IFIL Group agreed to tender its Sequana shares in exchange for SGS shares.

According to the Offer results, IFIL Group will hold a stake in SGS above 12%.

PRESS OFFICE

Andrea GRIVA Tel. 011.5090.320 ufficio.stampa@ifil.it

INVESTOR RELATIONS

Arturo CARCHIO Tel. 011.5090.360 relazioni.investitori@ifil.it