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Dexia Crédit Local and Orange Healthcare sign an agreement to offer e-health solutions in hospitals

- The partnership sealed between Dexia and Orange Healthcare offers innovative financial solutions to decision-makers in hospitals;
- It allows effective treatment and cost management, as well as facilitating investment;
- This partnership is taking e-health forward towards tomorrow's hospital.

Dexia, a major player for local public sector financing, and Orange Healthcare, the healthcare division of Orange, join forces to develop e-health solutions within large healthcare facilities.

Orange Healthcare offers a range of services playing a key role in the transformation of the healthcare system. For instance, the Connected Hospital solution simplifies the medical staff's work and offers access to the medical files of hospital patients. This service platform ensures better monitoring of activities, more effective control and continuous improvements in the quality of care and exchanges between doctors, care and administrative teams and patients.

Dexia Crédit Local is the historical partner for health and medico-social facilities in France. In the current context of major investments by the health sector and a realignment of healthcare offerings, Dexia Crédit Local offers its customers financial solutions (furniture leasing and financial rental) adapted and tailored to the Connected Hospital offer.

"This innovative partnership will enable us to increase the extensive range of products and services we offer our customers for financing their development and optimizing their management", says Jean-Luc Guitard, Executive VP France for Dexia Crédit Local.

Thierry Zylberberg, head of Orange Healthcare, adds: "This partnership is based on a unique alliance between innovation in terms of health and personalized financial engineering. It will enable healthcare facilities to offer new services, with patients and healthcare professionals the main beneficiaries".

About Dexia

Dexia is a European bank, with about 35.000 members of staff and a core shareholders' equity of EUR 18.3 billion as of September 30, 2009. Dexia Group focuses on Public and Wholesale Banking, providing local public finance actors with comprehensive banking and financial solutions, and on Retail and Commercial Banking in Europe (mainly Belgium, Luxembourg and Turkey). Main activities encompass retail, commercial and private banking, but also insurance, asset management and investor services activities.

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About Orange

Orange is the key brand of France Telecom, one of the world's leading telecommunications operators. With 126 million customers, the Orange brand now covers Internet, television and mobile services in the majority of countries where the Group operates. At the end of 2008, France Telecom had consolidated sales of 53.5 billion euros (38.1 billion euros for the first nine months of 2009) and at 30 September 2009, the Group had a customer base of almost 190 million customers in 32 countries. These include 128.8 million mobile customers and 13.4 million broadband Internet (ADSL) customers worldwide. Orange is the number three mobile operator and the number two provider of broadband Internet services in Europe and, under the brand Orange Business Services, is one of the world leaders in providing telecommunication services to multinational companies.

The Group's strategy, which is characterized by a strong focus on innovation, convergence and effective cost management, aims to establish Orange as an integrated operator and benchmark for new telecommunications services in Europe. Today the Group remains focused on its core activities as a network operator, while working to develop its position in new growth activities. To meet customer expectations, the Group strives to provide products and services that are simple and user-friendly, while maintaining a sustainable and responsible business model that can be adapted to the requirements of a fast-paced and changing eco-system.

France Telecom (NYSE:FTE) is listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A) and on the New York Stock Exchange.

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