

Press Release

**Completion of acquisition of ESA Software S.p.A.  
by Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A.**

*Milan, 19 October 2011* - Il Sole 24 ORE, as per announcement dated September 10, 2008, and following exercise of the put option by the minority shareholder, has completed the acquisition of 29.96% of ESA Software S.p.A., specialized in software solutions for businesses and professionals.

Thanks to this operation, the 24 ORE Group now owns the entire share capital of ESA Software, a company previously fully consolidated, securing its leadership on the professional market.

ESA Software is a successful brand and a top player on the Italian market. It boasts a portfolio of innovative products in the sectors of management software for businesses, human resources and professional firms.

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