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Heron Secures First Office Tenant at Heron Parc, Lille, France

■ Lease agreement signed with Adeo Group for the first floor of office space

Heron International, a leading pan European property group, today announces that the Adeo Group (“Adeo”), the leading French DIY retailer and Europe’s second largest DIY store operator, has signed a lease with Heron International for the first floor of office space (2183m²) and 40 parking spaces at its Heron Parc development in Lille, France. The Adeo Group operates several French DIY brands including Leroy-Merlin, Aki, BricoCenter and Weldom. Adeo is expected to take occupation in December 2009.

Heron Parc is an outdoor leisure, retail and office development which was officially opened by Marc Godefroy, Mayor of Lezennes, and Gérard Caudron, Mayor of Villeneuve d’Ascq, in March 2009. Upon completion, the €100 million, 42,500m² development will incorporate: 17,700m² of retail space dedicated to leisure and culture; approximately 6,350m² of restaurant space; four office levels with a total area of around 9,500m²; as well as a 2,800 seat, 8,650m², 12 screen UGC cinema. It also offers 1,000 free car parking spaces.

Heron Parc benefits from being in close proximity to V2, the largest shopping mall in Northern France, and opposite the planned Stadium Lille Metropole, home to one of France’s foremost football teams. The city of Lille, a former European Capital of Culture, is accessible from London by Eurostar in one hour and twenty minutes.

Commenting on the lease agreement, Andy Burnie, Development Director of Heron Parc, Lille, said:

“Heron Parc is a key development for Heron International’s portfolio across Europe. It is a prime product in a prime location, which will provide exciting new facilities for businesses and the community in and around Lille. We are delighted to have attracted Adeo as the first tenant to the development’s office space. Negotiations regarding the remaining office space are in advanced stages and we look forward to announcing future tenants in due course.”

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About Heron International:

- Heron International is a leading pan European investment and property group with operations in the United Kingdom and continental Europe. Headquartered in London, it is one of Europe’s main property developers and investors.
- Heron specialises in major, complex projects in prime locations including Heron Plaza in the heart of the City of London. Heron Tower, which forms the centre piece of this development, is designed by renowned architects Kohn, Pederson Fox, and will provide world class office space, setting the standards for offices of the future. At 202 metres (663ft) in height, the 46 story tower will be one of the tallest buildings in the City of London providing unrivalled views and enhancing the London City skyline.

- Since it was founded in 1965 Heron International has also developed 156 buildings in the key business districts of nine leading cities and has developed, invested in and managed a wide range of prime offices, residential, leisure, hotels and mixed-use projects in the UK and Europe.
- It has developed more than 1 million sq m of commercial and retail property and more than 15,000 residential units in the UK, continental Europe and the USA. It currently has a £500 million investment portfolio and its current development programme is valued at £1.5 billion.
- Further information on Heron International is available at www.heroninternational.co.uk

About Heron Parc:

- Overall investment of 100 million Euros
- Situated on a 7 hectare site
- Total floor surface area of 42,500 m²
- Approximately 17,700 m² of retail space dedicated to leisure and culture
- Approximately 6,350 m² of restaurant space
- Approximately 9,500 m² of office space
- UGC Ciné Cité 12-screen 2800 seat cinema set over approximately 8650 m²
- 5 units opened on 23 March 2009 (4 retail units and a restaurant)
- 22 units expected to open by Autumn 2009 (7 retail units and 15 restaurants)
- Free 1000-space public car park