

## Press Release

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### **goetzpartners CORPORATE FINANCE assists EDITIS in the refinancing of their debt facilities**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006, Editis, a subsidiary of the Wendel Investissement Group, concluded the refinancing of its debt facilities for a total amount of EUR 650 million.

The new debt facilities will help finance acquisitions worth up to EUR 150 million, enabling Editis to continue its strategy of reinforcing its leadership via external growth in France and Europe.



Editis is a leading French publishing group with a strong footprint in the segments of literature, reference, education (school and extra-curricular) and games.

During the first quarter of 2006, the group reported net revenues of EUR 149.4 million, representing a growth of 4% compared to the same period in 2005. Editis owns publishing houses such as Plon-Perrin, Robert Laffont, Le Robert, Pocket, Nathan, Cherche-Midi Editeur, First Editions and XO Editions.



goetzpartners (ex-CEA), with a team of 120 investment bankers and consultants in Germany, France, the UK, Spain and the Czech Republic, is a leading European advisory firm offering corporate finance (goetzpartners Corporate Finance) and management consulting (goetzpartners Management Consulting) services.

goetzpartners' teams across Europe are particularly recognised as advisors on M&A transactions in the fields of Telecommunications, Media and Technology.

In France, goetzpartners consists of 10 investment bankers and Senior Advisors and has so far concluded the following transactions in 2006:



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