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PRESS RELEASE

With reference to the articles issued today, we would like to point out that IFIL and Auchan recently met in various occasions as regards their 50%-50% partnership in Eurofind and the outlook of Rinascente Group's businesses.

The two partners are going ahead although at present no decisions or agreements have been made yet.