



Press release

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**HAL COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF A SECOND OPTICAL
RETAIL CHAIN IN BRAZIL**

HAL completed the acquisition of the Brazilian optical & photo retail chain Fotoptica. The company is located in São Paulo. Fotoptica has 68 stores (of which 39 franchised stores). The stores are located in the states of São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and Santa Catarina. The 2006 net sales amounted to approximately € 21 million. This acquisition was already announced on October 12, 2007.

HAL Holding N.V.
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