

## Grifols expands and diversifies its plasma collection network with the acquisition of 35 donation centers in Germany from Aton

- *Grifols reaches an agreement with Aton to acquire 100% share capital of the German firm Haema AG for EUR 220 million*
- *Haema operates the largest private independent network of donation centers in Germany, with 35 centers in 9 states, and offers a range of transfusion medicine services*
- *This acquisition aligns with Grifols' strategic plan and allows it to strengthen its global leadership in plasma collection by enhancing and diversifying its network of plasma donation centers, its first outside the United States*
- *Grifols leads the industry with 190 plasma donation centers in the U.S. and continues its investment plan to open new centers*
- *The closing of the transaction is subject to the authorization by the German antitrust authorities*

**Barcelona (Spain), March 20, 2018.-** Grifols (MCE: GRF, MCE: GRF.P, NASDAQ: GRFS) has reached an agreement to acquire 100% share capital of the German firm Haema for EUR 220 million, on a debt free basis. Founded in 1993, Haema owns and operates the largest private independent network of donation centers in Germany and the largest private transfusion service in the country. The acquisition agreement includes the businesses currently held by Haema; 35 donation centers in nine states, and three more under construction; a 24,000-square-meter building in Leipzig, where the company's headquarters are located; and also a central laboratory in Berlin. Haema employs about 1,100 people.

Grifols has financed the transaction with its own resources, without issuing debt.

In alignment with Grifols' strategic plan, this transaction will reinforce the company's global leadership in plasma collection by expanding and diversifying its network of plasma donation centers. The Haema donation centers will represent Grifols' first outside the United States.

This strategic transaction will also reinforce Grifols' plan of opening new donation centers to guarantee access to its main raw material and enable it to meet the anticipated growing demand for plasma-derived medicines, together with the more than EUR 500 million allocated to the Bioscience Division's 2016-2021 capital investment plans.

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Grifols is currently the worldwide leader in plasma donation centers, with 190 centers in the United States, where it continues its investment plans to expand and improve its existing network.

All of Haema's donation centers meet the strict criteria established by the competent health authorities and are licensed by the Paul-Ehrlich-Institute, the Federal Institute for Vaccines and Biomedicines under the authority of the German Federal Ministry of Health. In 2017, Haema collected around 800,000 litres of plasma coming from approximately 1 million donations.

The closing of the transaction is subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions by the companies and also to the authorization by the German antitrust authorities.

Osborne Clarke, S.L.P. acted as legal advisor for the transaction.

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## **About Grifols**

Grifols is a global healthcare company with more than 75 years of legacy dedicated to improving the health and well-being of people around the world. Grifols produces essential plasma-derived medicines for patients and provides hospitals and healthcare professionals with the tools, information and services they need to help them deliver expert medical care.

Grifols' three main divisions -Bioscience, Diagnostic and Hospital- develop, produce and market innovative products and services that are available in more than 100 countries.

With a network of 190 plasma donation centers, Grifols is a leading producer of plasma-derived medicines used to treat rare, chronic and, at times, life-threatening conditions. As a recognized leader in transfusion medicine, Grifols offers a comprehensive portfolio of diagnostic products designed to support safety from donation through transfusion. The Hospital Division provides intravenous (IV) therapies, clinical nutrition products and hospital pharmacy systems, including systems that automate drug compounding and control drug inventory.

Grifols is headquartered in Barcelona, Spain and has 18,300 employees in 30 countries. In 2017, sales exceeded 4,300 million euros. Grifols demonstrates its strong commitment to advancing healthcare by allocating a significant portion of its annual income to research, development and innovation.

The company's class A shares are listed on the Spanish Stock Exchange, where they are part of the Ibex-35 (MCE:GRF). Grifols non-voting class B shares are listed on the Mercado Continuo (MCE:GRF.P) and on the US NASDAQ via ADRs (NASDAQ:GRFS).

For more information, visit [www.grifols.com](http://www.grifols.com)

## **About Haema**

Established in 1993 and headquartered in Leipzig, Germany, Haema AG owns and operates the largest private independent network of donation centers in Germany, with 35 centers in nine states, including Bavaria, Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg and Western Pomerania, North-Rhine Westphalia, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein, and Thuringia. The company offers integral transfusion medicine services and operates the largest independent blood transfusion service in Germany.

Haema's employee base currently includes 1,100 people.

Haema's corporate philosophy is founded on a staunch commitment to quality and safety standards that go beyond mere compliance. As a healthcare company, Haema adheres to all of the requirements established by German health authorities. All of its donation centers operate in accordance with International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) standards and undergo regular audits.

## About Aton

ATON GmbH is a German private investment company which holds, as strategic investor, majority equity of companies in the fields of MedTech, MiningTech and Engineering.

**Complete and detailed information on plasma, plasma donors and Grifols' value chain management of plasma used to produce its plasma-derived medicines are outlined in the 2016 Corporate Responsibility Report, available for download at [www.grifols.com](http://www.grifols.com)**

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