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PUBLICIS GROUPE ACQUIRES 51% OF LEADING INDEPENDENT INDIAN ADVERTISING AGENCY LAW & KENNETH

Agency to integrate into Saatchi & Saatchi India to form L&K Saatchi & Saatchi

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Publicis Groupe [Euronext Paris: FR0000130577] announces the majority acquisition of Law & Kenneth, the largest independent Indian advertising and digital agency, to be integrated into Saatchi & Saatchi India.

Saatchi & Saatchi India will be re-branded as L&K Saatchi & Saatchi (Law & Kenneth Saatchi & Saatchi), which will strongly reinforce the agency's presence in India between its offices in Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata.

Law & Kenneth was founded in 2004 by Praveen Kenneth and Andy Law, along investor and co-founder, Anita Roddick of The Body Shop, and counts over 285 professionals. It has since grown into a full service agency specializing in traditional and digital advertising, branding and marketing. The agency serves a wide range of local and global clients, including Renault, Dabur, TATA AIG Insurance, Godrej, ITC, Reliance, Idea and Hero MotoCorp.

Law & Kenneth Chairman and Managing Director, Praveen Kenneth, will manage the new entity in the same role. He will join the Saatchi & Saatchi Asia-Pacific board and will work directly into Chris Foster, Chairman and CEO of Saatchi & Saatchi Asia-Pacific. Praveen Kenneth was CEO of Publicis India from 1999-2003.

The Law & Kenneth management team will assume the management operations of Saatchi & Saatchi India (L&K Saatchi & Saatchi), creating a strong value proposition combining the best of both agencies.

The senior management team of Law & Kenneth including, Anil S. Nair (CEO and Managing Partner), Sandhya Srinivasan (Chief Strategy Officer and Managing Partner) and Anil K. Nair (CEO Digital and Managing Partner) will continue their respective roles in the new entity. Law & Kenneth's CFO Vijay Agarwal will report to Johann Xavier, Regional CFO for Saatchi & Saatchi Asia-Pacific.

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Chris Foster continues, "Law & Kenneth brings an ideas-driven entrepreneurial spirit and a comprehensive range of services to Saatchi & Saatchi, including advertising, design and importantly a strongly integrated digital presence with its digital business Digital Law & Kenneth. The Saatchi & Saatchi global network is dedicated to strengthening its focus in Asia-Pacific, home to 60% of the world's population and several vibrant economies. India is a lynchpin in this equation. We believe that with our combined knowledge, skills and creativity, nothing is impossible in this country and this market."

Praveen Kenneth states, "Law & Kenneth was born out of passion and has always focused on adding value to client brands and to the lives of people we touch every day. This has helped us become the largest independent agency in India in just over 10 years. Our story is an example of the Saatchi & Saatchi spirit of Nothing Is Impossible. The combination of Law & Kenneth's stability, size proven success and experience in India's dynamic market place, together with Saatchi & Saatchi's iconic status and mystique, results in a creative powerhouse that is L&K Saatchi & Saatchi. Success for us will be to use the philosophy of Lovemarks to win the hearts of Indian consumers and grow our clients' brands and reputations."

This acquisition follows those of Beehive into Publicis Worldwide in October 2013 and Neev into Razorfish earlier in 2013. The formation of L&K Saatchi & Saatchi is the next in a series of steps the network is undertaking to restructure its India operations and optimize the massive potential for growth present in the market. Publicis Groupe counts today 10 global networks present in the Indian market (Publicis Worldwide, Saatchi & Saatchi, Leo Burnett, BBH, Starcom Mediavest Group, ZenithOptimedia, DigitasLBi, VivaKi, MSLGROUP and PHCG) combining over 3,000 professionals.

About Publicis Groupe

Publicis Groupe [Euronext Paris FR0000130577, CAC 40] is one of the world's leading communications groups. The Groupe offers a full range of services and skills: digital (DigitasLBi, Razorfish, Rosetta, VivaKi), advertising (BBH, Leo Burnett, Publicis Worldwide, Saatchi & Saatchi), public affairs, corporate communications and events (MSLGROUP), media strategy, planning and buying (Starcom MediaVest Group and ZenithOptimedia) and healthcare communications, with Publicis Healthcare Communications Group (PHCG). Present in 108 countries, the Groupe employs 60,000 professionals.

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About Saatchi & Saatchi

Founded in London in 1970, Saatchi & Saatchi is today a global creative communications company headquartered in New York and with 130 offices in 70 countries. Saatchi & Saatchi is part of France's Publicis Groupe, the world's third largest communications group, and has been led by Kevin Roberts, CEO Worldwide, since 1997. Saatchi & Saatchi has a full service integrated communications network encompassing ideas, strategy, advertising, digital and mobile, design, and shopper marketing. Through our creative ideas across all media and all disciplines, we set out to turn brands into Lovemarks, which generate "loyalty beyond reason". We believe passionately in the power of ideas to differentiate and motivate and to change the world for the better.

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