

Stock Exchange Release no. 14/2006

# Columbus IT Partner A/S settles purchase sum for 51% share holding in Spade S.A. de C.V. in Mexico by issuing shares

Columbus IT Partner A/S has entered an agreement to take over 51% of the activities of the Mexican consulting firm, Spade S.A. de C.V., which changes name to Columbus IT Mexico. The effective date of the take over is 1 May 2006. Spade has more than 10 years experience from the Mexican IT market and the primary activities are consulting services and implementation of Microsoft Dynamics AX with a focus on the industries industrial production and distribution. Please refer to Stock Exchange Release no. 12/2006.

The consideration for the 51% share holding in Spade is by way of a basic purchase sum with the option of an additional amount conditional on the earnings of the company in 2006 and 2007. The basic purchase sum totals USD 0.1m (approx. DKK 0.6m), whereas the conditional sum over a 2 year period is expected to total USD 0.1m (approx. DKK 0.6m). The first part of the basic purchase sum amounting to DKK 0.4m is paid with shares in Columbus IT Partner A/S, while the remaining payments are settled in cash.

The first part of the purchase sum, which is paid with shares in Columbus IT Partner A/S, is settled immediately by issuing 47,840 shares, equivalent to about 0.07% of Columbus IT Partner A/S's total share capital after the share issue. Following the share issue the share capital in Columbus IT Partner A/S will be 72,546,607 shares of DKK 1.25 (nom.) or a total of DKK 90,683,258.75 (nom.). The Board has today approved the capital increase and the issuance of shares will be completed as soon as possible. The share subscribers, Jorge Andres Alvarez, Maria Munira Melchor, Miguel Angel Galicia Fernandez, have today signed the subscription list for the new shares. The new shares will be issued at DKK 8.60 per share of DKK 1.25 (nom.). The rate is calculated as the average of the end rates for the Columbus IT Partner A/S share on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange for the last 5 trading days prior to 14 July 2006.

The capital increase is being made by the Board exercising its authorization in Art. 5.1 of the Articles of Association, according to which the Board is empowered until 20 April 2010 to increase the Company's share capital in one of more tranches by up to DKK 26,711,261.25 (nom.). Following the abovementioned issue, DKK 26,278,320.00 (nom.) of the Board's authorization will remain. In increasing the share capital at market rates, the Board may decide that the capital increase shall be without preemptive rights for the Company's existing shareholders. Similarly, the Board can decide that the increase should be made wholly or partially other than by cash payment. The new shares will have the same rights as the existing shares, including the same rights to dividend for the fiscal year 2006. The new shares will be negotiable instruments and there are no restrictions on their negotiability. Immediately after registration of the capital increase at the Danish Commerce & Companies Agency, the new shares will be applied for listing under the existing stock code.

The transaction does not result in changes regarding the outlook for 2006 already expressed by Columbus IT Partner A/S. Please see Stock Exchange Release no. 12/2006.

With this, the auditor's valuation report made in connection with the capital increase is now published.

As a consequence of the capital increase the share capital in Columbus IT Partner A/S is subsequently constituted as follows:



	Share capital	Shares	
	DKK nom.	DKK 1.25 nom.	
Share capital before 14 July 2006	90,623,458.75	72,498,767	
Capital increase at 14 July 2006 at DKK 8.60	59,800.00	47,840	
New share capital	90,683,258.75	72,546,607	

# Ownership after the capital increase:

	Holdings before the capital increase		Holdings after the capital increase	
	Shares	%	Shares	%
Consolidated Holdings A/S	25,163,161	34.81%	25,163,161	34.71%
Gaardboe Holding ApS in liquidation	13,012,461	18.00%	13,012,461	17.95%
Nordea A/S	2,905,324	4.02%	2,905,324	4.01%
Other shareholders	31,417,821	43.34%	31,465,661	43.37%
Total	72,498,767	100.00%	72,546,607	100.00%

## Tax on dividends

Taxation of individuals and corporations residing in Denmark on dividends on shares occurs in accordance with the, at any given time, applicable legislation on taxation on dividends of individuals and corporations. With respect to taxation of individuals and corporations residing abroad please refer to the, at any given time, applicable legislation for including relevant double taxation agreements.

## **Data on Columbus IT Partner**

Columbus IT Partner A/S is incorporated under no. 13 22 83 45. The company's fiscal year runs from 1 January to 31 December. The stock code (ISIN) for the company's shares is DK0010268366. The new shares will be applied for listing under the same stock code as the existing shares.

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# **Attachment – Auditors valuation report**

## To the shareholders of Columbus IT Partner Central Business Reg No 13 22 83 45

The company has by agreement concluded 1 May 2006 purchased 51% of the share capital in the Mexican consultancy firm Spade S.A. de C.V.

The acquisition takes place as a contribution in kind into Columbus IT Partner A/S as well as a cash contribution.

As valuers appointed under section 6b of the Danish Public Companies Act, cf section 33 of the said Act, we have valued the net assets and customer contracts, which is invested in the Company in connection with the planned capital increase as described in Stock Exchange Release no. 14/2006 and in the terms and conditions in the purchase agreement.

The Company's Management is responsible for fixing the value of the invested assets. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the value of the invested assets based on our valuation.

## Valuation procedure

The asset has been valued at fair value, which is not expected to exceed the recoverable amount for Columbus IT Partner. It should be noted that the value has been fixed through negotiations between independent parties with knowledge of the industry.

The consideration determined for this investment consists of a fixed amount and two additional earnings related variable amount:

The fixed amount is USD 107,500, which will be paid through the issuance of 47,840 shares in denominations of DKK 1.25 (DKK 59,800 nominal) at the price of DKK 8.60 each plus a cash payment of USD 37,500.

The first additional earnings related variable amount is calculated as 100 per cent of Spade S.A. de C.V's EBITDA for the period 1 May – 31 December 2006, but maximised to USD 50,000.

The second additional earnings related variable amount is calculated as 50 per cent of Spade S.A. de C.V's EBITDA for 2007.

#### **Opinion**

Based on the above, we declare that, in our opinion, the value of the invested assets at least equals the fixed and expected variable consideration agreed, including the nominal amount of the shares (plus premium) to be issued as payment in connection with the capital increase.

Copenhagen, 14 July 2006

## **Deloitte**

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