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Offering by ORPEA of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares (OCEANE), due January 1st, 2016, for an initial amount of approximately € 137 million, which may be increased up to a maximum amount of approximately € 180 million

Puteaux, December 7th, 2010

ORPEA (Euronext Paris: ORP) is launching today an offering of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares (OCEANE) due January 1st, 2016 (the "**Bonds**") for a principal amount of approximately € 137 million, which may be increased by up to approximately 15%, to an amount of approximately € 157 million in the event of exercise in full of the extension option. In addition, ORPEA has granted to BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole CIB and Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking (the "**Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners**") an over-allotment option exercisable no later than December 13th, 2010 which will allow them to increase the amount of the offering by up to approximately 15%, to a maximum amount of approximately € 180 million.

The purpose of the offering is to address the general financing needs of ORPEA and its business development, to diversify its sources of funding and contribute to extending the maturity profile of its financial resources and to potentially reinforce its shareholders' equity in the event that the Bonds are converted into new shares.

The par value of the Bonds will represent an issue premium of between 25% and 30% over ORPEA reference share price¹ on the regulated market of NYSE Euronext in Paris (« **Euronext Paris** »).

The Bonds will bear interest at a nominal annual rate of between 3.50% and 4.25%, payable annually in arrear on January 1st of each year (or the following business day if such date is not a business day). As

¹ The reference price will be equal to the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) of ORPEA shares on Euronext Paris from the opening of trading on December 7th, 2010 until the final terms of the Bonds are fixed.

an exception, the first interest payment will be made on January 1st, 2012 (or on the following business day if such date is not a business day), will relate to the period from and including December 15th, 2010, the expected issue date, up to and including December 31th, 2011, and will be calculated on a *pro rata temporis* basis.

The Bonds will be issued at par on December 15th, 2010, the expected settlement and delivery date, and will mature and be redeemed at par on January 1st, 2016. The conversion / exchange ratio of the Bonds will be one ORPEA share per Bond, subject to potential further adjustments. The Bonds may be redeemed prior to maturity at the option of ORPEA subject to certain conditions.

The final terms of the Bonds are expected to be fixed on December 7th, 2010.

Application will be made to list the Bonds on Euronext Paris.

The offer is managed by BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole CIB and Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking, Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners.

This press release does not constitute an offer to subscribe for the Bonds. There shall be no public offer of the Bonds in any country other than France, which public offer shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified below:

In France,

- the Bonds will be initially subject to a private placement with persons referred to in article L.411-2-II of the French *Code monétaire et financier*; and
- following such placement, a prospectus will be submitted to the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the « **AMF** ») for visa in order to permit the public in France to subscribe for the Bonds during a period of three trading days. No subscription will be accepted before the visa of the AMF and the opening of the subscription period.

An Update of the Registration Document (*Document de référence*) of ORPEA (filed with the AMF on July 13, 2010 under No. D.10-0625) was filed with the AMF on December 6th, 2010 under No. D.10-0625-A01 and is available on ORPEA's website (www.orpea.com), as well as on the AMF's website (www.amf-france.org).

About ORPEA SA (www.orpea.com) : Listed on Euronext Paris since April 2002 and a member of the Deferred Settlement Service, ORPEA SA is a leading player in the Long-Term Care and Post-Acute Care sectors. At 1st January 2011, the Group will have a unique network of healthcare facilities with 32,939 beds (27,123 of which are operational) across 356 sites, including:

- 26,702 beds in France: 22,058 operational (including 3,052 being renovated) + 4,644 under construction, spread across 298 sites,
- 6,237 beds elsewhere in Europe (Spain, Belgium Italy and Switzerland): 5,065 operational (including 674 being renovated) + 1,172 under construction, spread across 58 sites.

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The offer and sale of the Bonds in France will first be carried out in a private placement to persons falling within article L.411-2-II of the French *Code monétaire et financier*. The offer will be opened to the public in France only after the granting of the "visa" by the AMF on the Prospectus.

With respect to the member States of the European Economic Area, other than France, which have implemented the Directive EC/2003/71 called the "**Prospectus Directive**" (each, a "**relevant member State**"), no action has been undertaken or will be undertaken to make an offer to the public of the Bonds requiring a publication of a prospectus in any relevant member State. As a result, the Bonds may only be offered in relevant member States:

- (I) to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to place securities;
- (II) to any legal entity which has two or more of the following criteria: (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than € 43 million; and (3) an annual net turnover of more than € 50 million, as per its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (III) in any other circumstances, not requiring the issuer to publish a prospectus as provided under article 3(2) of the prospectus directive.

Concerning the United States of America, the securities referred to in this press release have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("US Securities Act"), and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration under the US Securities Act. ORPEA does not intend to register any portion of the planned offering in the United States or to conduct a public offering of securities in the United States. The Bonds are only being offered and sold outside of the United States in offshore transactions in accordance with Regulation S under the US Securities Act ("Regulation S"). Terms used in the present paragraph have the meanings given to them in Regulation S.

Concerning the United Kingdom, this document is not a prospectus which has been approved by the Financial Services Authority or any other United Kingdom regulatory authority for the purposes of Section 85 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended ("**FSMA**"), in connection with the issue or sale of the Bonds and/or the new or existing shares to be issued upon conversion or exchange of the Bonds (the "**Securities**"). This document is only directed at persons who (i) are located outside the United Kingdom, or (ii) have professional experience in matters relating to investments and fall within Article 19(5) ("investment professionals") of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotions) Order 2005, (the ("**Order**") or (iii) are persons falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) ("high net worth companies, unincorporated associations, etc.") of the Order (these persons mentioned in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) together being referred to as "**Relevant Persons**"). The Securities are directed only at Relevant Persons and no invitation, offer or agreements to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire Securities may be proposed or made other than with Relevant Persons, and no investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available to or will be engaged in with persons other than Relevant Persons. Any person other than a Relevant Person may not act or rely on this document or any provision thereof. Persons distributing this document must satisfy themselves that it is lawful to do so. Past performance of the Company's securities should not be relied

on as an indication of future performance. In the United Kingdom, offers of the Securities are only being made to persons who are "qualified investors" within the meaning of Section 86 of FSMA.

Concerning Italy, no prospectus relating to the Bonds has been registered in Italy, with the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("**CONSOB**") in accordance with the Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998, as modified (the "**Financial Services Act**"), and the CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as modified (the "**Issuers' Regulation**"). Accordingly, the Bonds have not been and will not be offered, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in an offer to the public ("*offerta al pubblico*") in Italy and no copies of the French Prospectus or any other document relating to the Bonds may be or will be distributed in Italy, unless an exemption applies.

Therefore, the Bonds may not be offered, transferred or delivered in Italy unless copies of the French Prospectus and any other document relating to the Bonds are distributed or made available exclusively:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined in Article 34-ter, paragraph 1, letter b) of the Issuers' Regulation, pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act ; or
- (b) in any other circumstances where an exemption from the rules governing offers to the public applies, pursuant to and in accordance with Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Issuers' Regulation.

Moreover, any offering, transfer, or delivery of the Bonds in Italy or the distribution in Italy of copies of the French Prospectus or any other document relating to the Bonds as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) above must also be realized in accordance with all applicable Italian laws and regulations concerning the securities market, tax matters, exchange controls and any other applicable legal and regulatory provision, and must, in particular, be realized:

- (i) via investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries authorized to carry out such activities in Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, the Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended (the "**Banking Law**"), and the CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of October 29, 2007, as amended; and
- (ii) in conformity with any other applicable law and any other term or restriction that may be, from time to time, imposed by the CONSOB, the Bank of Italy and/or any other Italian authority.

Any person purchasing Bonds in the offering assumes the entire responsibility for ensuring that any offer or resale of the Bonds so purchased occurs in accordance with all applicable Italian laws and regulations. No person resident or located in Italy other than the original addressees of the French Prospectus should rely on it or its content.

Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act affects the transferability of the Bonds in Italy to the extent that any placement of the Bonds is made solely with qualified investors and such Bonds are then systematically resold to non qualified investors on the secondary market at any time in the 12 months following such placement. Where this occurs, if no prospectus in compliance with the Prospectus Directive has been published, purchasers of Bonds who are acting outside of the ordinary course of their business or profession may in certain circumstances be entitled to declare such purchase void and to claim damages from any authorized person at whose premises the Bonds were purchased, unless an exemption provided for under the Financial Services Act applies.

BNP Paribas (or any entity acting on its behalf), acting as stabilizing manager, on behalf of the Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners (the "**Stabilizing Manager**") will be able to carry out stabilization transactions in accordance with applicable legislation and regulations, in particular those of Regulation (EC) No. 2273/2003 of the European Commission dated 22 December 2003 relating to the terms and conditions for applying the Directive 2003/06/EC of the European Parliament and Council of 28 January 2003 on insider trading and market abuse (the "**European Regulation**").

There is no guarantee that such transactions will be carried out and such transactions, if carried out, may be suspended at any time.

Stabilization transactions are intended to maintain the market price of the Bonds and/or shares of ORPEA. They may have an impact on the market price of the Bonds and/or shares of ORPEA and may result in the setting of a market price that is higher than what the price would be in the absence of such transactions.

If implemented, such stabilization activities may be carried out on either the Bonds or ORPEA's shares at any time as from the disclosure of the final terms of the Bonds and of the offering are published, up until the exercise of the over-allotment option, i.e., from December 7th, 2010 to December 13th, 2010.

The Stabilizing Manager will be responsible for disclosing information to the public and relevant market authorities in accordance with Article 9 of the European Regulation and Article 631-10 of the General Regulations of the AMF.

The Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners, may carry out over-allotments within the framework of the offering up to the number of Bonds covered by the over-allotment option, that could be increased, if applicable, by a number of Bonds representing a maximum of 5% of the size of the initial offering, pursuant to Article 11 of the European Regulation.