

MESA AND ASTERAL TO COMBINE TO CREATE LEADING INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SERVICES PROVIDER

August 1, 2014 - MESA Group Holdings GmbH ("MESA") and Asterol Limited ("Asterol") today announce an agreement to combine operations in a merger backed by a company owned by the Permira funds. The combination will ensure customers, primarily hospitals and diagnostic imaging clinics across Europe, benefit from the Group's unrivalled asset management and service expertise across the product lifecycle of high-end medical systems and other clinical medical devices.

MESA, based in Switzerland and founded in 2009, is the largest independent pan-European provider of diagnostic imaging engineering services and asset management solutions. Working across 12 countries including Italy, the UK, Germany, Poland and Spain, MESA serves more than 600 diagnostic imaging clinics and hospitals, whilst managing over 2,800 medical equipment systems and devices. MESA leverages its service expertise to enable its customers to achieve industry leading availability rates of vital diagnostic imaging equipment such as MRI, CT, Angio and PET CT scanners, thereby helping them to improve end-user patient care and reduce patient waiting times. As a part of its service offer, MESA also provides real time system monitoring and data analytics focused on asset uptime and system efficiency.

Asterol, established in 2001, is the UK's leading vendor-independent provider of medical equipment solutions to the acute healthcare sector. It is currently working with 37 hospitals. By taking full responsibility for equipment planning, procurement and management, Asterol helps customers to modernise and improve the efficiency of their medical equipment. Asterol's expertise and flexibility means that it is able to deliver safe, affordable and productive equipment portfolios that contribute to positive clinical outcomes.

The new Group, which will be led by Robert Piconi, MESA Executive Chairman and founder, brings together MESA's pan-European expertise in vendor-independent servicing of high-end medical equipment with Asterol's strong UK presence and expertise in vendor-independent equipment provision and asset management. Christopher Langley will take on a new role as Special Adviser to the Board. The Permira funds' investment will support the leadership team's growth plans, in particular, leveraging the highly complementary offerings and specialised skillsets to enable customers to deliver the best possible patient care.

Robert Piconi, MESA Executive Chairman and founder, said: *"We are delighted to announce the combination of MESA and Asterol, which brings together two highly complementary businesses and highly skilled management teams. As a combined group, we will be in an even stronger position to help our customers deliver improved patient care by leveraging our expertise in the way that medical facilities are planned, procured, managed and maintained. I would like to thank Christopher Langley for his skilful leadership of Asterol over the past two and a half years. He has transformed the business into the UK's leading vendor independent managed equipment services provider for hospitals and I am delighted that he has agreed to continue as a Special Adviser to the Board."*

Mubasher Sheikh, Principal and Head of the Healthcare sector at Permira, said: *"We are pleased to be able to support Robert Piconi and his new team in this exciting development. Health organisations everywhere need to find a way to balance financial constraints with the tremendous advantages that modern and well maintained imaging and scanning devices can offer for patient care. MESA and Asterol have proven their market leadership over recent years and together they will be able to help health organisations across Europe achieve even better outcomes."*

Christopher Langley commented: *"I am delighted that Asterol will benefit from this new relationship with MESA and Permira which will allow Asterol to go from strength to strength, building on the significant growth of the past 3 years."*

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About MESA

Founded in 2009, MESA is a leading provider of multi-vendor diagnostic imaging service, capital spare parts, equipment and asset management solutions (“MVS”). Headquartered in Lugano, Switzerland, MESA leverages over 40 years’ global experience in high end medical equipment maintenance services and repair solutions and is the only pan-European diagnostic imaging service company providing scalable, multi-vendor maintenance services across all MRI, CT, PET CT, Angio/Cardiac, and other general X-Ray system modalities. MESA was originally founded as the European arm of US-based Masterplan, under the leadership of Robert Piconi. A management buy-out, led by Robert Piconi, was completed in December 2011 shortly after the acquisition of Masterplan by Aramark Healthcare earlier in the year.

For more information visit: www.mesa-medical.com

About Asteral

Established in 2001, Asteral was originally created as a healthcare business delivering asset finance solutions to the NHS. Asteral’s primary focus has since moved from financing medical equipment to the provision of medical equipment-related services. Through a partnership approach Asteral provides flexible, cost-effective solutions that benefit its clients and their patients. Asteral currently works with 37 hospitals and manages over 13,000 pieces of medical equipment.

For more information visit: www.asteral.com

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Founded in 1985, the firm advises funds with a total committed capital of approximately €25 billion. Since 1985 the Permira funds have made over 200 private equity investments with a focus on driving transformation to build better businesses.

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