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For immediate release

Xansa plc
Recommended cash offer for the acquisition of Xansa plc ("Xansa")
by Groupe Steria SCA ("Steria")
Scheme of Arrangement becomes effective

Xansa and Steria are pleased to announce that the Scheme of Arrangement has now become effective in accordance with its terms.

Under the terms of the Scheme, holders of Xansa Scheme Shares are entitled to receive 130 pence for each Scheme Share held at the Scheme Record Time (6.00 p.m. on 16 October 2007). Xansa shares were delisted at 8.00 a.m. today.

Settlement of the cash consideration in respect of the Scheme Shares will be effected within 14 days of today in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement have the same meaning as set out in the Scheme Document dated 25 August 2007.

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About Xansa

Xansa is a UK-based outsourcing and technology company that specialises in delivering business services.

With a 45-year history of sustaining long-term relationships and pioneering better ways of working, Xansa drives real and long-term cost reductions and improved business performance. Committed to delivering guaranteed business outcomes through a combination of technology and process expertise, Xansa gives clients across the private and public sectors the freedom to do more.

Xansa is listed on the London Stock Exchange (XAN.L) with over 8600 people in the UK and India. Xansa had revenues in 2007 of £379.7 million.

Further information on Xansa can be found at: www.xansa.com