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Altran successfully completes its €750 million capital increase with preferential subscription rights and finalises the refinancing of the acquisition of Aricent

Altran (the “Company”) announces today the success of its share capital increase with preferential subscription rights to existing shareholders (the “Rights Issue”) launched on March 22nd, 2018, for a gross amount of approximately €750 million. The net proceeds of the Rights Issue will enable Altran to refinance a portion of the Company’s debt resulting from the acquisition of Aricent. This acquisition, that closed on March 20th, 2018, enables Altran to become the undisputed global leader in the Engineering and R&D services.

The final gross proceeds of the Rights Issue (including the issue premium) amount to €749,668,353.20 and will result in the issuance of 81,220,840 new shares (the “New Shares”).

Following the subscription period, which ended on April 9th, 2018, total subscription orders amounted to approximately €1,177 million, corresponding to a subscription rate of approximately 157%:

- 79,416,552 New Shares were subscribed on a non-reducible basis (à titre irréductible), representing 97.78% of the New Shares to be issued;
- Subscription orders subject to reduction (à titre réductible) represented 48,097,678 New Shares and will therefore be partly fulfilled, for 1,804,288 New Shares (representing 2.22% of the New Shares to be issued)

In accordance with their subscription intentions, Altrafin Participations SAS, Mr. Alexis Kniazeff (and his family) and Mr. Hubert Martigny, respectively holding 8.42%, 1.42% and 1.42% of the share capital of the Company, exercised all of their subscription rights on a non-reducible basis (à titre irréductible).

Commenting on the Rights Issue, Dominique Cerutti, Chairman & CEO of the Altran Group, said: “We would like to thank all our shareholders for their support and participation in the capital increase, and are delighted by its success. The high level of subscription as well as the success of the debt syndication earlier this year demonstrate the attractiveness of Altran to investors, their trust in our profitable growth strategy, and our ability to create long-term value. The success of this last step in the acquisition of Aricent Technologies allows us to complete the transaction’s refinancing less than five months after its announcement, leading to the creation of the undisputed global leader in Engineering and R&D services.”

Settlement and delivery of the New Shares and start of trading on the regulated market of Euronext Paris (Segment A) will take place on April 17th, 2018. The New Shares will carry dividend rights and will entitle their holders to any dividends declared by Altran from the date of issue, and will be, as from their issue date, fully fungible with Altran’s existing shares and will be traded under the same ISIN code as the Company’s existing shares (ISIN code FR0000034639).

Following the Rights Issue, Altran’s share capital will consist of 257,021,105 shares with a nominal value of €0.50 each, representing a total share capital of €128,510,552.50.
Altran has agreed to a lock-up period expiring 180 calendar days after the settlement and delivery of the Rights Issue, subject to certain exceptions.

Altrafin Participations and the founders have each agreed to a lock-up period expiring 60 calendar days after the settlement and delivery of the Rights Issue, subject to certain exceptions.

The Rights Issue was underwritten by Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Goldman Sachs International and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners. This underwriting agreement does not constitute a firm underwriting ("garantie de bonne fin") within the meaning of Article L. 225-145 of the French Commercial Code.

**Information available to the public**

A French language prospectus including (i) the registration document (document de référence) of Altran filed with the French Market Authority (Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)) on March 21st, 2018 under number D.18-0154, and (ii) a securities note (note d'opération) (including the summary of the prospectus) which was filed with the AMF and received visa number 18-087 dated March 21st, 2018 is available free of charge from the Company (96, avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine – France) as well as from the websites of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and the Company (www.altran.com). All the press releases and other regulated information about the Company are available on the Company’s website (www.altran.com), including the press release dated February 28th, 2018, announcing Altran’s 2017 annual results.

The public’s attention is drawn to the risk factors included in chapter 2 of the registration document and in chapter 2 of the securities note, which should be carefully considered before making any investment decision. The materialization of all or any of these risks may have an adverse effect on the Altran group’s operations, financial conditions, results or objectives, or the market price of Altran shares.
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The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Right Issue.

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Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares and determining appropriate distribution channels.