Colgate Announces Agreement to Acquire Laboratoires Filorga Cosmétiques Skin Care Business

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 11, 2019-- As part of its strategy to focus on its higher-margin oral care, personal care and pet nutrition businesses, and expanding its portfolio in premium skin care, Colgate-Palmolive Company (NYSE:CL) today announced that it has agreed to acquire the Laboratoires Filorga Cosmétiques (Filorga) Skin Care Business for an equity purchase price of €1,495.5 million (approximately US$1,690 million).

Filorga is a premium anti-aging skin care brand focused primarily on facial care. Originally founded in France in 1978, the brand is now sold in over 60 countries with its largest markets being France, Italy, Spain and Greater China. The Filorga brand leverages a multi-channel distribution strategy across pharmacy, online, specialty stores and travel retail.

Noel Wallace, Colgate’s President and CEO commented, “Filorga is a strong, premium-priced brand with distinctive positioning that fits well within our long-term personal care growth strategy. We are excited that this acquisition will add a high-growth, profitable, global skin care asset to the Colgate portfolio with the opportunity to drive continued growth through expanded distribution and awareness. This acquisition also provides Colgate entry into the fast-growing and sizeable travel retail channel, particularly in Asia.”

The transaction will be financed with a combination of debt and cash and is currently expected to close in the third quarter of 2019. The acquisition is conditioned upon receipt of regulatory approvals in certain countries.

The transaction is expected to have no impact on diluted earnings per share in 2019.

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and CMS Francis Lefebvre Avocats acted as legal advisors and Citi acted as financial advisor to Colgate-Palmolive on the transaction. Bredin Prat acted as legal advisor and Goldman Sachs and BNP Paribas acted as financial advisors to Filorga Initiatives on the transaction.

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About Colgate-Palmolive: Colgate-Palmolive is a leading global consumer products company, tightly focused on Oral Care, Personal Care, Home Care and Pet Nutrition. Colgate sells its products in over 200 countries and territories around the world under such internationally recognized brand names as Colgate, Palmolive, elmex, Tom’s of Maine, Sorriso, Speed Stick, Softsoap, Irish Spring, Protex, Sanex, Elta MD, PCA Skin, Ajax, Axion, Fabuloso, Soupline and Suavitel, as well as Hill’s Science Diet and Hill’s Prescription Diet. For more information about Colgate’s global business, visit the Company’s website at http://www.colgatepalmolive.com. To learn more about the Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures® oral health education program, please visit http://www.colgatebsbf.com. CL-C

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