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Sentica Partners sold its majority holding in Miratel to Ascom Holding AG

A fund managed by the Finnish private equity investor Sentica Partners has sold its holding of about 60 per cent in Miratel Ltd to Ascom Holding AG. Miratel's acting management also sold its Miratel holdings totalling about 40 per cent of all shares, and will continue at the company's service after the transaction. Miratel has a very strong market position in Finland as provider of communication and personal security systems for hospitals and care facilities.

Sentica Partners became the principal shareholder of Miratel through a corporate transaction carried out in July 2008.

"During the past three years, the profitability of Miratel has improved and the operations have been developed so that the company now stands ready to advance to international markets. The company has a good product portfolio, and the development of the world's first IP nurse call system has now been successfully completed. We believe that the strategic match between the operations of the two companies will provide Miratel's staff and business with excellent opportunities for growth and evolution as part of Ascom," says Marjatta Rytömaa, Investment Director at Sentica Partners.

Miratel's net sales in 2010 were EUR 7.3 million, and the company has a staff of 35 people based in four Finnish locations, Turku, Helsinki, Kuopio and Oulu. As a result of the transaction, Miratel will become part of the Ascom Wireless Solutions Division and form the core of the Ascom Wireless Solutions business in Finland.

Ascom is an international solution provider with comprehensive technological know-how in Mission-Critical Communication. The company is headquartered in Switzerland, has subsidiaries in 20 countries and a workforce of some 2,300 employees worldwide. Ascom registered shares (symbol ASCN) are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange in Zurich (Switzerland).

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