Press Release

Manutencoop Facility Management S.p.A.

Zola Predosa (Bologna), March 22, 2017 – With reference to the news published on March 20, 2017 by Reorg Research, titled "*Anti Corruption Authority to Launch Investigation on Manutencoop, Italian Newspaper Says; Consip Confirms it Sought an Opinion on Tenders*", **Manutencoop Facility Management S.p.A.** ("**MFM"** or the **"Company")** reports that it is not aware of any "investigation" initiated against the Company by the Italian Anticorruption Authority ("**Anac**") upon request of Consip S.p.A.

However, the Company has been informed by Consip that it has requested from Anac an opinion following the Italian Competition Authority's decision no. 25802/2015 against, among others, MFM (the "**ICA Decision**"), as such decision was confirmed in part by decision no. 10309/2016 of the Administrative Regional Tribunal based in Rome.

In general, the request of opinion addressed to Anac by public contracting entities (such as Consip S.p.A.) is a normal practice when certain topics need to be analyzed and, in any event, in this context Anac operates within the powers granted to it by the law.

MFM is not aware of the content of the opinion request addressed by Consip S.p.A. to Anac, nor is aware of when such request was formally made or as to whether Consip has released the requested opinion.

The Company also confirms that, according to recent case law of the competent administrative courts, antitrust infringements, such as those allegedly committed by MFM in relation to the ICA Decision, are not *per se* included within the set of acts that, according to the applicable law, constitute grounds for a potential exclusion from public tender procedures.

In relation to the above, MFM reserves its right to defend itself in all appropriate forums against false and defamatory accusations statements that undermine its integrity or seriously harm its interests.

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