



Press release

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**HAL ACQUIRES A SECOND OPTICAL RETAIL CHAIN IN
BRAZIL**

HAL has signed an agreement to acquire the Brazilian optical & photo retail chain Fotoptica. The company is located in São Paulo. Fotoptica has 68 stores (of which 39 franchised stores). The stores are located in the states of São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and Santa Catarina. The 2006 net sales amounted to approximately € 21 million. The transaction is expected to close before the end of November.

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