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**HAL COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF AN OPTICAL RETAIL
CHAIN IN NORWAY**

Pearle Europe B.V., a 98% subsidiary of HAL Holding N.V., completed today the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Optikk Norge A/S. This transaction was already previously announced. The company provides services to 75 stores in Norway operating under the Interoptik brand name. The stores have annual system-wide sales of approximately € 50 million. As part of the transaction, the Interoptik stores entered into a new franchise agreement with Optikk Norge A/S.

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