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Vivendi Universal launches an offering of approximately €615 million Bonds exchangeable into shares of Sogecable, SA

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Vivendi Universal is launching today an offering of approximately €615 million Bonds exchangeable into ordinary shares of Sogecable, SA.

In order to allow this Bond issue, Prisa has agreed to anticipate, as of today, the termination of the shareholder agreement in Sogecable, which was due on 31st December 2003 (following the termination notice issued by Vivendi Universal and Groupe Canal+ in June 2003).

As long as Vivendi Universal remains a shareholder in Sogecable, it intends to continue to support Prisa, with a view to promoting the stability of Sogecable.

The Bonds will be issued, based on a reference price of €1.72 per share of Sogecable, SA with an exchange premium of between 35% and 40%. The Bonds will bear interest at the annual rate of between 1.25% and 1.75% and redemption at maturity will be at par in 2008.

Application will be made for listing the Bonds on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

The Bonds will be exchangeable into 20,637,730 existing ordinary shares of Sogecable, SA.

Vivendi Universal intends to use the net proceeds of the issue to redeem part of the 1.25% OCEANE issued in 1999 and redeemable on 1st January, 2004 for an amount of €1.7 billion.

The Bonds will be offered to investors in the framework of an international private placement, only in compliance with the laws and regulations applicable in every country where the offering will take place. No placement is being made in the United States, Canada or Japan.

No action has been or will be taken to permit a public offering of the Bonds in any jurisdiction, including France, Kingdom of Spain and United Kingdom.

SG Corporate and Investment Banking is acting as Bookrunner and Joint Lead Manager and Cr dit Agricole Indosuez is acting as Joint Lead Manager of the offering.

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