

Helios & Matheson acquires controlling stake in listed American Corporation

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Helios & Matheson Information Technology Limited, healthcare focused IT services company, today announced that it has acquired controlling stake in The A Consulting Team Inc., NY, USA (Nasdaq Capital Market: TACX).

The A Consulting Team Inc. is a 23-year old US company, listed since 1997, and posted a topline of USD 26.4 mn in 2005. The IT Services and Solutions company has a strong presence in the healthcare space.

YES Bank was the exclusive strategic and financial advisor for the transaction. It is an all cash deal at USD 8.75 mn for 43% controlling stake. Helios & Matheson acquired 1,024,697 fully diluted shares out of total outstanding 2,382,301 Common Stock shares (as of March 24, 2006) in The A Consulting Team Inc. The cash deal has an additional earn-out component to the Promoter, Mr. Shmuel BenTov, structured as a percentage of profits achieved over a 2 year period ending March 2008. Mr. Shmuel BenTov continues to be a Director on Board and President & CEO of the company.

“We are perhaps the first Indian company to acquire a controlling stake in a listed US corporation with focus on healthcare space.” said Mr. V. Ramachandiran, Chairman, Helios & Matheson. ***“In terms of expansion plans, we are expecting revenue to reach USD 100 mn and are looking at US and European markets for acquisitions as well.”***

Helios & Matheson has a history of growing through strategic and judicious acquisitions.

“This partnership offers clients a compelling value proposition,” said Mr. G.K. Muralikrishna, Managing Director, Helios & Matheson. ***“The A Team increases our strength exponentially in the East Coast of the US, which, apart from being healthcare hub, is perhaps the world’s largest market for IT services and solutions.”***

Helios & Matheson posted revenue of Rs. 159.03 crore and a profit after tax of Rs. 26.85 crore for the nine months ended December 31, 2005.



About Helios & Matheson Information Technology Limited

Helios & Matheson Information Technology Ltd is a 15-year old IT services organization with its corporate headquarters in Chennai, India and subsidiaries and offices in USA, Singapore and Bangalore. The range of service offerings is one of the most comprehensive in the industry and spans the entire software services lifecycle, from application development and integration to application life cycle management. Helios & Matheson has a strong client focus backed by internationally certified quality processes and a global delivery model. The company's ability to manage large client relationships, extensive industry specific knowledge and experience, and delivery excellence are some of its important differentiators. For more information visit us at www.heliosmatheson.com.

About The A Consulting Team Inc.

The company (NASDAQ Capital Market: TACX) is an end-to-end IT Services and Business Process Outsourcing provider to Fortune 1000 companies and other large organizations. The company through its SMART Approach, a leading edge set of end-to-end solutions and services that include Strategy, Methodology, Architecture, Resources and Tools provides its clients with modernization and development services, which include systems that should be replaced and rewritten, enhanced, converted or web enabled. More information about the company can be found at its web site at <http://www.tact.com>.