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## THE LOUIS-DREYFUS FAMILY AND INFRAVIA ENTER INTO EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A MAJORITY STAKE IN LOUIS DREYFUS ARMATEURS

The Louis-Dreyfus family, shareholder of Louis Dreyfus Armateurs (LDA), and InfraVia, a leading independent private equity company in Europe, announce that they have entered into exclusive negotiations for InfraVia to acquire a majority stake in LDA, a group specializing in high value-added industrial marine services.

For over 170 years, LDA has been supporting players in the maritime world with innovative industrial solutions tailored to their needs. LDA currently specializes in three growing segments: transportation and logistics of industrial equipment, mainly through dedicated Ro-Ro vessels, maintenance of offshore wind farms, and installation and maintenance of submarine telecom and power cables. With a worldwide presence, LDA manages a fleet of 23 vessels and generates most of its revenue through long-term contracts with blue-chip customers.

As part of the transaction, InfraVia (through its fund InfraVia European Fund VI) would acquire an 80% stake in LDA to support the group's development. The Louis-Dreyfus family would retain a 20% ownership in the group, and Edouard Louis-Dreyfus would remain President.

This transaction would allow LDA to invest a billion euros over the next few years, enabling the group to more than double the size of its fleet and accelerate its development in technological innovation, energy transition and the design of tomorrow's navigation modes and maritime services.

With InfraVia as a shareholder, LDA would accelerate its ambitions to become a leading maritime infrastructure group active in high-value-added growth segments and a driving force behind the maritime energy transition. With extensive experience supporting companies across various infrastructure sectors, InfraVia has the necessary expertise to support these ambitions and accelerate the group's digitalization and energy transition.

Edouard Louis-Dreyfus, President of Louis Dreyfus Armateurs, declared: *“We are delighted by InfraVia’s investment in LDA because we share the same vision, the same values and, of course, the same ambitions for our group. Today, more than ever, we believe in high-performing service marine, both environmentally and economically. In our sectors, we are convinced that great opportunities lie ahead and are within our reach. It is this conviction that drives us to accelerate our ambitions, to propel Louis Dreyfus Armateurs into a new dynamic of growth and innovation.”*

Vincent Levita, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of InfraVia, said: *“We are delighted to become shareholders of LDA and partner with the Louis-Dreyfus family to support this leading group, embedded with a strong culture of innovation and important growth ambitions. We share a common vision with LDA regarding the future of the maritime sector, and we aim to support the group in its accelerating growth and efforts to develop tomorrow’s maritime solutions and services.”*

The transaction will be subject to prior consultation with employee representative bodies. The transaction is expected to be completed in the first half of 2025, once the usual regulatory approvals have been obtained.

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## ABOUT LOUIS DREYFUS ARMATEURS

For over 170 years, LOUIS DREYFUS ARMATEURS Group (LDA) has been providing maritime industry players with innovative industrial solutions tailored to their needs, as well as integrated services ranging from ship design and management to maritime operations in the fields of transportation, logistics, submarine cables, and renewable energy.

LDA is a French family-owned group, offering a worldwide presence with over 1,800 staff and 23 vessels.

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## ABOUT INFRAVIA CAPITAL PARTNERS

Founded in 2008, InfraVia is a leading independent private equity firm, specialized in real assets - infrastructure, critical metals, real estate\* - and technology investments.

InfraVia is a conviction-driven investor focusing on resilient businesses partnering with management teams, entrepreneurs, or industrials to develop their businesses and drive long-term value creation through active hands-on asset management.

Headquartered in Paris, InfraVia has a 100+ strong team and is 100% partner-owned. InfraVia manages EUR 16 billion of capital\*\* and has invested in 50+ companies across Europe.

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\* The real estate strategy is managed by OREIMA, an affiliate of InfraVia.

\*\*Total amount of capital raised