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### The Neurones Group nominated for the *Prix de l'Audace Créatrice*

Founded in 1995 by Marc Ladreit de Lacharrière, CEO of Fimalac, the *Prix de l'Audace Créatrice* recognizes the work of French entrepreneurs who successfully achieved simultaneous growth in their earnings, profitability and workforce.

The prize is awarded by a panel of distinguished entrepreneurs, who select nominees on three fundamental criteria:

1. Sustained growth in revenues over the past and coming two years
2. Sustained growth in profitability and cash flow over the past and coming two years
3. Growth in the number of staff over the past and coming two years

Specialized in management consulting and IT services, the Neurones Group has experienced uninterrupted growth since its foundation. In particular, it has achieved:

- 2007 revenues of €156 million, up 20% on the previous year
- 2008 revenues that leapt to €189.3 million (a 21.4% increase)

Over the last two years, the group's workforce has also recorded an equally significant increase, climbing from 1,800 employees at the beginning of 2007 to nearly 2,500 at the end of 2008.

As a result of these achievements, the group is one of the four French companies nominated for the *Prix de l'Audace Créatrice 2009*.

The company has seen its size increase fourfold in 10 years, thanks to essentially organic growth, at rates two to three times higher than the market average.

*"We are especially happy to see the efforts of our 2,600 staff rewarded by such a novel, prestigious prize as the Prix de l'Audace Créatrice," said Matthieu Vautier, Group Marketing Director. "Neurones strives to foster a true entrepreneurial flair by developing both growth and job numbers, and by opening up its capital to new entrepreneurs. That's why this nomination means so much to us and attests to the relevance of our approach."*

The winner of the *Prix de l'Audace Créatrice 2009* will be announced by the French Prime Minister, Mr François Fillon, at 11.30am on 17 September at Hôtel Matignon.

#### About NEURONES

With nearly 2,600 experts, the NEURONES group is specialized in Management Consulting and IT Services (Infrastructures and Applications). It supports its clients in their change-management projects and in the upgrading and outsourcing of their Information Systems. For 2009, NEURONES forecasts revenues of €210 million with an operating margin of between 7.5% and 8.5%.

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