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Press Release

İş Private Equity makes its 10th investment: TURKMED DIALYSIS SERVICES

İş Private Equity made its second investment in the health sector in TURKMED Dialysis Services (“TURKMED”), the leading domestic and independent player in the dialysis services industry. İş Private Equity provided equity support of US\$2,5 million to Turkmed in order to create a lasting institution and brand with the ability to reach greater masses of patients.

Turkmed, whose mission has been to meet the needs of patients involved dialysis treatment through innovative solutions and value added services, aims to provide high quality services to wider patient populations and to raise the industry service standards with the support of İş Private Equity. Turkmed’s ultimate goal is to be a strong and lasting brand and corporation in the field of renal health and treatment.

Establishing partnership with growing companies who have high potential for development and who are pioneers in their fields, İş Private Equity is an enterprise with the highest number of transactions in private investment in Turkey. It is now actualizing its 10th investment in the health sector with the belief that the sector has national and global growth potential, bright future and as well as contribution to social well being.

Talking about the reasons of selecting Turkmed for investment, Murat Özgen, İş Private Equity General Manager, has expressed: “End Stage Renal Disease is a chronic disease by nature and a high majority of those patients need to be take dialysis treatment. Moreover, Turkey has the 9th highest dialysis patient population in the world. However, the level of dialysis treatment and service quality need considerable improvement and this is exactly where Turkmed’s competitive strength arises from. We are very much impressed by Turkmed’s success as a domestic company in a highly competitive industry dominated by global players. Turkmed’s mission is to keep the level of services delivered to patients at the utmost quality standards, capitalizing on research and development activities. And finally, Turkmed is a very well managed company with a sound team of broad vision and entrepreneurial spirit.”

Expressing that they assume the mission of providing management know-how and capital contributions to companies that operate in high growth sectors in order to support them

during the execution of their projects Özgen has told that they have realized this mission until today with Probil, ITD, Cinemars, Nevotek, Step Halı, Tüyap, Beyaz Filo, Ode Yalıtım and Orsem Orthopedics. İş Private Equity has acquired 29.50% of Turkmed with this last investment. The amount of resources İş Private Equity has provided the companies and therefore the Turkish economy through investment partnerships has reached US\$47.5 million.

Turkmed, founded in 1997 by Dr. Basri Yılmaz, soon became one of the most outstanding and reputable independent and domestic companies in the highly fragmented and aggressively competitive Turkish dialysis services industry which is dominated by global large players. Turkmed General Director Dr. Basri Yılmaz has said: "We are very happy to have established this partnership with İş Private Equity, whom we believe will be creating great value added as well as being a reliable and serious partner on our way to execute our plans to reach greater masses of patients with renal disease and deliver them high quality services. We believe that İş Private Equity partnership has great implications for Dialysis services sector as well as for patients. Through partnership with İş Private Equity the business sector will enjoy high quality competition and institutionalization will improve. This is a development definitely to the benefit of the national sector, social security system, doctors and patients which will carry the sector to higher levels."

Supporter of Success: İş Private Equity

İş Private Equity Investment Partnership, an affiliate of Türkiye İş Bankası, launched its operations in October 2000 and has been in the Istanbul Stock Exchange since September 2004. Its mission is to share its know-how and experience with and to provide capital to companies that operate in high growth sectors and have a competitive advantage so that they can execute their projects.

İş Private Equity who is interested in companies that operate in high growth sectors with competitive advantage and transparency in management has invested a total amount of US\$45 million before Turkmed partnership. These are Probil, ITD, and Nevotek in technology sector, Cinemars Sinema Zincirleri and Step Halıcılık in retailing sector, Tüyap Fuarcılık in trade fair sector, Beyaz Filo in service sector, Ode Yalıtım in construction and insulation sector and Orsem Orthopedics in medical equipment manufacturing. After Turkmed investment, the resources that İş Private Equity provided the companies and thus the Turkish economy through investment partnership has reached US\$47.5 million.

As of December 2007, İş Private Equity has funded its affiliates a total of approximately US\$267.5 million, of which US\$47.5 million is equity investment while the remaining approximately US\$220 million is debt obtained from creditors.