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Press Release

Christophe Aulnette, appointed CEO of Altran Group

The board of directors of Altran has announced the appointment of Christophe Aulnette as Group CEO, effective March 21, 2005.

Alexis Kniazeff, Chairman of Altran Group, stated that “Christophe’s leadership qualities as well as, his culture of innovation and his international track record represent the unique blend of skills we need to transform Altran into a truly multinational consulting firm”.

Christophe Aulnette commented: “I am eager to join Altran Group. I was impressed by its potential for growth and its capacity to contribute to major industrial projects at the French and European level. I know that I can rely on the unrivalled skills of Altran’s people to drive growth both in France, Europe and other major development areas in the world”.

Altran is the European leader in innovation consulting operating in 17 countries all around the world. With total headcount of over 16,000 people; Altran posted fiscal 2003 sales of €1,337.8 million.

Christophe Aulnette, 43, has been chairman and CEO of Microsoft France since 2001, one of the five largest subsidiaries of the group, and Vice President Microsoft EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa). For the last 4 years, he has managed all business activities, focusing on developing client strategy, relationships with public authorities and corporate social responsibility.

From 1998 to 2001, Christophe Aulnette was based in Asia; initially in the Tokyo head office where he held the position of Strategy & Business Development Director with the main objective to structure and develop Services and key accounts business throughout Asia; thereafter, he moved to Singapore as the Regional Director for Southern Asia, where he managed 7 subsidiaries: India, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam and Singapore.

Christophe Aulnette joined Microsoft France in 1988 as OEM Account Manager developing direct sales to IT Equipment Manufacturers. From 1991 to 1998 he significantly developed and structured the company’s large Accounts and Consulting business.

He is a graduate of ENST (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications – French National School for Telecommunications).

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