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MEETING**

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New York and Paris, October 21, 2013 – Omnicom Group Inc. (NYSE: OMC) and Publicis Groupe SA (Euronext Paris: FR0000130577) hosted their first joint Management Meeting in advance of the companies' intended merger, which is

expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2014.

In preparation for joining together, the companies also announced the creation of an integration planning committee that is working to define the work processes, as well as the mission for the combined company. Co-chaired by Wren and Lévy, the integration planning committee will also be tasked with identifying future enterprise-wide opportunities, synergies, centers of excellence, and specific integration teams to ensure an efficient and value-add future organization on “Day One.”

Held in Miami from October 17-21, the meeting's purpose was to

give Publicis Groupe and Omnicom executives the opportunity to get to know each other better both socially and professionally, and to begin to learn more about their respective networks and agencies. Seventy-four network agency heads, chief creative officers and other senior executives from Omnicom and Publicis Groupe attended the meeting.

The spirit of the meeting was all about bonding and future collaboration.

Over the four-day period, representatives from each organization attended large group plenary sessions, which featured presentations by networks and brands. The meeting also included smaller, break-out

sessions to discuss common general objectives, as well as shared values and mission for the new company.

John Wren, President and CEO, Omnicom said, *“For many years, Omnicom and Publicis have admired and respected each other. As a result of this meeting, our firms now have a much better feel for our respective organizations -- the people, the capabilities, the aspirations. While there are many steps still to be taken in order for our merger to close, we are pleased that this meeting accomplished its goal of beginning to plan future collaborations as potential colleagues and partners.”*

Maurice Lévy, Chairman and CEO of Publicis Groupe, added, *“I have been impressed by the positive energy and spirit that came out of this meeting. All participants were highly motivated by the prospect of the merger and worked enthusiastically and collaboratively toward planning for the success of the future group. Each presentation demonstrated the incredible talent, strength, quality of work, and expertise of each operation from all perspectives and particularly in their capacity of delivering innovation and creativity to clients. All participants who have been part of these intense four days of work can only be more confident of what lies ahead for the future of Publicis Omnicom Group.”*

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## **About Omnicom**

Omnicom Group Inc. (NYSE: OMC) is a leading global marketing and corporate communications company. Omnicom’s branded networks and numerous specialty firms provide advertising, strategic media planning and buying, digital and interactive marketing, direct and promotional marketing, public relations and other specialty communications services to over 5,000 clients in more than 100 countries.

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## **Important Additional Information Will be Filed with the SEC**

Publicis Omnicom Group will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4, which will include the proxy statement of Omnicom that also constitutes a prospectus of Publicis Omnicom Group (the “proxy statement/prospectus”). **INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY**



**STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC, IN THEIR ENTIRETY CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OMNICOM, PUBLICIS GROUPE, Publicis Omnicom Group, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS.** Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by the parties through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by the parties by contacting Corporate Secretary, Omnicom Group Inc., 437 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022, +1 (212) 415-3600 (for documents filed with the SEC by Omnicom) or Investor Relations, 133 avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris, France, +33 (0) 1 44 43 65 00 (for documents filed with the SEC by Publicis Groupe or Publicis Omnicom Group).

Important Additional Information Will be Made Available in an AFM Approved Prospectus

Publicis Omnicom Group will make publicly available a prospectus, approved by the Dutch financial markets regulator (Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten or “AFM”), with respect to the issuance of new shares as a result of the proposed transactions and their admission to trading on a regulated market in the European Union (including any supplement thereto, the “Admission Prospectus”). The Admission Prospectus will be passported by the AFM to the AMF with a view to the admission of Publicis Omnicom Group shares to listing on Euronext Paris. **INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE ADMISSION PROSPECTUS, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, IN THEIR ENTIRETY CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLICIS GROUPE, OMNICOM, Publicis Omnicom Group, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS.** Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Admission Prospectus from Publicis Omnicom Group on Publicis Groupe’s website at [www.publicisgroupe.com](http://www.publicisgroupe.com) or by contacting Investor Relations, 133 avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris, France, +33 (0) 1 44 43 65 00.

Important Additional Information for Publicis Groupe Shareholders

Publicis Groupe will prepare a report to be made available in connection with the Publicis Groupe meeting of shareholders called to approve the proposed transactions (the “Report”). **INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REPORT, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE AMF, IN THEIR ENTIRETY CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLICIS GROUPE, OMNICOM, Publicis Omnicom Group, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS.** Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Report from Publicis Groupe on its website at [www.publicisgroupe.com](http://www.publicisgroupe.com) or by contacting Investor Relations, 133 avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris, France, +33 (0) 1 44 43 65 00.

No EEA Prospectus until Admission Prospectus

No prospectus is required under the European Economic Area Prospectus Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended and as transposed in Dutch and French law, and no such prospectus or document will be made available until the Admission Prospectus is made available.

Participants in the Solicitation

Omnicom, Publicis Groupe and Publicis Omnicom Group and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Omnicom in respect of the proposed transactions contemplated by the proxy statement/prospectus. Information regarding the persons who are, under the

rules of the SEC, participants in the solicitation of the shareholders of Omnicom in connection with the proposed transactions, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus when it is filed with the SEC. Information regarding Omnicom's directors and executive officers is contained in Omnicom's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated April 11, 2013, which are filed with the SEC.