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**NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN MPG AND INTERPUBLIC**

Contrary to the rumours being circulated this morning, Havas confirms today that at this time there is no joint venture agreement with Interpublic.

MPG continues its very satisfactory and competitive development, which is perfectly in line with the strategy set out for it by the group.

This does not call into question the fact that, for the Media Buying sector, Havas and MPG are still open to study a possible alliance.

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