Sonae IM and S21sec strengthen position in the European cybersecurity market by acquiring SysValue

- **Acquisition of SysValue turns Sonae IM companies into cybersecurity market leaders in Portugal, allowing to generate synergies with S21sec**

Lisboa, 2 May 2016 – Sonae Investment Management (Sonae IM) announces the acquisition of SysValue, a company dedicated to providing Auditing and Appraisal, Consultancy, Training and R&D services in information security, with a significant presence in the Telecommunications, Financial Services, Energy and Government sectors.

This acquisition, following the stake acquisition in S21sec in September 2014, constitutes another important milestone in the company's strategy to lead the national cybersecurity market and expand internationally. Moreover, companies held by Sonae IM have now become clear leaders in the Portuguese market.

"We are very pleased with this operation that comes to strengthen our cybersecurity portfolio, where we believe there are opportunities for a focused operator that has the added benefit of scale. SysValue represents an important asset for Sonae IM, in Portugal as well as in Europe. Sonae IM will remain on the lookout for growth opportunities, whether organically or through acquisitions", said Carlos Alberto Silva, Executive Director of Sonae IM, about this acquisition.

For João Barreto, founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of SysValue, "Becoming part of Sonae IM's cybersecurity strategy is the result of 14 years of dedication to information security. The opportunity to work with S21sec also represents the chance to increase our ability to offer cybersecurity services with greater expertise and sophistication. Broadening our offer, the ability to provide the market with new services resulting from SysValue R&D activity, together with our own internationalisation, will be some of the immediate benefits of this operation".

The integration of SysValue into Sonae IM will allow to generate significant synergy gains, not only by concentrating back-office structures and aligning go-to-market strategies, but also in terms of knowledge and R&D.

Pedro Leite, Vice-President of S21sec for Portugal, adds, "With the acquisition of SysValue we are clearly strengthening our position in the Portuguese market, with a team of professionals that is highly experienced and specialised in cybersecurity. As market leaders, we wish to contribute to develop the country's cybersecurity sector and we believe are have the best teams in place to do it".

This operation will boost Sonae IM's ability to intervene within national government and EU institutions so as to strengthen its robustness and Europe's responsiveness to cybersecurity incidents. Through S21Ssec, Sonae IM is currently occupying the presidency of the European Cybersecurity Group, an alliance of the five largest cybersecurity groups in Europe.

About Sonae IM

Sonae IM is a multinational tech company, with a clear objective to build and manage a portfolio of innovating companies. Sonae IM invests in tech-based companies that are focused on telecommunications and retail. Currently present in 13 countries, Sonae IM is already leader in some relevant markets, having companies under its wing that are already worldwide references.
For more information, visit the website http://www.sonaeim.com/.

About SysValue

SysValue has been providing cybersecurity solutions for the national market for the past 14 years, developing Auditing and Appraisal, Consultancy, Integration, Training and Security Operations services in a highly specialised context, carried out by technical experts with specific training and an almost exclusive commitment to this field of activity. In 2015, SysValue reached 2 million euros in sales in Portugal.
For more information, visit www.sysvalue.com

About S21Sec

S21sec, a leading company specialised in cybersecurity, was founded in 2000 and has since relied on a team of more than 200 certified experts. Research and development has long been a priority in S21sec strategy, ever since its establishment. This mind-set led to the creation of Europe's first research, development and innovation centre specialised in the field of cybersecurity. S21sec works with nearly 90% financial entities and with 26 large companies listed in the IBEX 35. With offices in the UK, Spain, Portugal and in Mexico, S21sec offers comprehensive cybersecurity solutions around the world, 24 hours a day. In 2015, S21sec recorded 13 million euros in sales. For more information, visit www.s21sec.com.

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