

# 15 February 2017 FAQ



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# Questions on the preventive procedure (sauvegarde)

## Why did Sequana file for a preventive procedure (sauvegarde)?

- On 15 February 2017, Sequana has requested the protection of the French commercial court (tribunal de commerce) and has filed for a preventive procedure. First, this procedure allows Sequana to protect its interests against the risk generated by the order made against it by the High Court of Justice of London in the case against BAT and in the event the court of appeal were to confirm the decision of the High Court (the decision of the court of appeal is unlikely to be handed down before 12 to 18 months). Second, this procedure allows it to implement its strategy.
- This plan will enable Sequana as well as Arjowiggins and Antalis to pursue their operations under the best conditions, while benefitting from the necessary financial resources and from the trust of their partners, customers and suppliers.
- Sequana considers it should be in a position to exit from the preventive procedure by early May 2017. It intends to complete the transactions mentioned in its press release of 15 February in the first half-year 2017.

## The consequences of this procedure

- The purpose of a preventive procedure is to freeze Sequana's liabilities and operate a stay of all claims against the company so as to allow it to carry out its operations and to pursue the implementation of its strategic plan. Sequana's interests are protected during all the implementation of the preventive plan. As its creditors' claims will be rescheduled over a period up to 10 years, Sequana considers at this stage that it will be in a position to meet its liabilities.
- Sequana, the holding company, is the only company subject to the procedure. Antalis and Arjowiggins, are not parties to the procedure

# Security Division – Planned disposal of Arjowiggins Security BV (site of VHP) to Oberthur Fiduciaire

## **Planned disposal of Arjowiggins Security BV to Oberthur Fiduciaire: reasons, conditions and consequences**

- Arjowiggins Security BV will become part of a group that allows it to continue to grow on a very competitive market. The proceeds of the sale will allow us to strengthen Arjowiggins' financial capacities.
- The overall transaction would be made for a gross value of euros 30 millions. The sale of Arjowiggins Security BV is expected to be completed in the course of the first half-year 2017.

## **In this context, what is the future of the rest of the Security division and of Arjowiggins globally speaking?**

- Sequana has announced that a structured process for the disposal of the rest of the Security division will be launched.
- At this stage, it would be premature to say if there are potential buyers, as the sale process has not started. However, Sequana will look into all the solutions which could make this activity more competitive and which could protect it in the best conditions. There are about 300 employees in the banknote production sector of the Security division in France.
- The successful turnaround of Arjowiggins Graphic and Creative Papers divisions has to continue. Their operating results for 2016 show that the restructuring of these activities has started to bear fruit.

# Proposed IPO on Antalis

## Reasons of its proposed IPO for Antalis

- The proposed IPO of Antalis will allow it to strengthen its leadership in paper distribution and to foster its strategic growth in packaging and visual communication.

## Terms of the operation

- Distributing part of Antalis' shares to Sequana's shareholders allow to successfully float Antalis on the stock exchange, while avoiding the market risks that are inherent to such operations. Subject to its shareholders' approval, Sequana contemplates distributing a minority stake of the Antalis International shares between 10% and 30%.
- Subject to the AMF's approval, this distribution will result in Antalis International's shares being listed at the Paris stock exchange. A prospectus will be held at the disposal of the shareholders and the public prior to the shareholders' vote.
- Sequana will remain the controlling shareholder when Antalis is listed in the course of the first half-year of 2017.

## Consequences of this operation for Sequana

- The listing of Antalis will thus allow Sequana to benefit from the additional financial resources needed to run its operations and face its obligations.



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