



Luxottica Group issues clarification statement regarding retail acquisition in Canada

Milan - Italy, May 19, 2006 - Luxottica Group S.p.A. (NYSE: LUX; MTA: LUX) today indicated that it will pay the equivalent of approx. Euro 47 million for the acquisition announced yesterday of the Canadian optical retail chain Shoppers Optical. The Group further indicated that it expects total tax benefits directly related to this assets-only acquisition for the equivalent of approx. Euro 9 million.

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