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Athens, 5 November 2007 – Alapis Holding Industrial and Commercial S.A. (the "Company") announces that Mr. Lavrentis Lavrentiadis, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, informed the Company of the sale of 52.7 million ordinary shares owned by him and representing approximately 5% of the Company's share capital and voting rights (the "Shares") to "qualified investors" (as defined in the E.U. Directive 2003/71/EC and Greek Law 3401/2005") and other "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended) (together the "**Investors**"), in response to reverse enquiries from Investors. The Shares were sold at a price of Eur 2.42 per Share through a private placement by Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch ("Deutsche Bank") and Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. KGaA ("Sal Oppenheim"), acting as joint bookrunners.

Mr. Lavrentiadis also informed the Company that, in agreement with Deutsche Bank and Sal Oppenheim, he may consider the option to proceed to a further sale of his shares in the Company, provided that he will continue to hold at least 20% of the Company's share capital and voting rights, in a private placement to Investors on comparable terms. Subject to satisfactory investor demand and reverse enquiries, such private placement may be launched at Mr. Lavrentiadis' discretion on or before 12 November 2007. Deutsche Bank and Sal Oppenheim will act as joint bookrunners for such private placement.

Deutsche Bank and Sal Oppenheim have temporarily lifted the lock-up restrictions agreed with Mr. Lavrentiadis pursuant to the subscription agreement dated 28 June 2007 relating to the Company's rights issue (the "Subscription Agreement") in light of reverse enquiries from Investors for shares of the Company and the latter's positive results for the quarter ended 30 September 2007.

Mr. Lavrentiadis also informed the Company that any shares not placed on or before 12 November 2007 will remain subject to lock-up restrictions until 22 January 2008, in accordance with the provisions of the Subscription Agreement

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Any investment decision to buy shares of Company must be made solely on the basis of publicly available information regarding the Company. Such information is not the responsibility of Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. KG&A or Mr. Lavrentiadis and has not been independently verified by Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch or Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. KG&A.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

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