HYDRA S.P.A. STRENGTHENS ITS OWNERSHIP IN DATALOGIC S.P.A.

Bologna, 22nd October 2008 - Hydra S.p.A., parent company of Datalogic S.p.A. with a holding equal to **68,8%**, hereby informs that on 15th and 17th October it purchased **n. 641.612 shares**, equal to approximately **1,10%** of Datalogic S.p.A.'s share capital by means of an off-market transaction.

As a result of the transactions, Hydra S.p.A. has strengthened and consolidated its holding in the company and therefore today owns a total of n. 40.866.294 shares, equal to **69,92%** of Datalogic S.p.A.'s share capital.

Yet again, Hydra has confirmed its trust in the Company and in particular Datalogic S.p.A.'s ability to create value.