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**BURSA DE VALORI BUCUREŞTI S.A.
AUTORITATEA DE SUPRAVEGHERE FINANCIARĂ**

CURRENT REPORT 44/2021

According to Law no. 24/2017 regarding issuers of financial instruments and market operations, ASF Regulation no. 5/2018 regarding the issuers of financial instruments and market operations and/or Rulebook of the Bucharest Stock Exchange Market Operator.

Date of report	28.12.2021
Name of the Company	Sphera Franchise Group SA
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Email	investor.relations@spheragroup.com
Registration nr. with Trade Registry	J40/7126/2017
Fiscal Code	RO 37586457
Subscribed and paid share capital	581,990,100 RON
Total number of shares	38,799,340
Symbol	SFG
Market where securities are traded	Bucharest Stock Exchange, Main Segment, Premium Category

Important events to be reported: Receiving the first tranche of the state aid payment

Sphera Franchise Group S.A. ("the Group") informs the market about receiving the payment of state aid from the Romanian government according to the procedure of the implementation of the state aid as foreseen in the Emergency Ordinance nr. 224/2020 on measures to provide financial aid for companies from tourism, HoReCa and event organization industries, whose activity was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Emergency Ordinance, companies from HoReCa sector could apply for a state aid in the amount that represented 20% of the loss of turnover in 2020 compared to 2019.

The payments received by the Group are as follows:

- RON 615,684.00 received by US Food Network S.A., representing 46.87% of sums due according to the financing contract in total amount of RON 1,313,600.00;
- RON 615,684.00 received by American Restaurant System S.A., representing 46.87% of sums due according to the financing contract in total amount of RON 1,313,600.00.

The management will inform the market as soon as the companies eligible for the state aid receive the second tranche of the payment.

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