



PRESS RELEASE
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Colruyt Group signs deal to acquire Foodinvest Group

Today the Colruyt Group has signed a formal agreement to acquire 100 % of the shares of the Foodinvest Group located in Bornem. This acquisition is part of the Colruyt Group's ambition to obtain a more prominent position in the food service industry, i.e. supplying food products to the hotel and catering industry and the social catering business (rest homes, hospitals, company restaurants,...). The Colruyt Group aims at developing further its activities in this sector, both in Belgium and abroad.

Early November the Colruyt Group launched a bid for the Foodinvest Group, which consists of Foodinvest N.V., Foodlines BVBA, Sejo NV, Walschap NV and Bodegas BVBA. The Foodinvest Group operates nationwide on the food service market and focuses on catering. Several acquisitions have made Foodinvest Group the third most important player in Belgium, realizing a turnover of EUR 45 million.

The last few years, the Colruyt Group has made quite a few acquisitions in the French foodservice market. In the French foodservice market, the Group Colruyt is a mayor player in fresh food and has in this market a number 3 position in the dry food segment. In Belgium, Colruyt Group already operates in this market with the commercial entities Collivery and Enco. The acquisition of Foodinvest is expected to reinforce the Belgian position and create a sustainable growth potential in professional catering.

Apart from the distinct national profile of the Foodinvest Group, the Colruyt Group mainly appreciates its diverse clientele, its logistically strategic location and the know-how of the strongly motivated staff.

The actual transfer of shares will take place on the 15th of April 2010 after completion of a number of conditions.

Financial Calendar:

- Announcement sales results first nine months 2009/2010 January 29 2010
- Announcement annual results financial year 2009/2010 June 28 2010

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