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Colruyt Group launches take-over bid for Foodinvest Group

Colruyt Group has launched a 100% take-over bid for Foodinvest Group.

This Group is based in Bornem and consists of the following companies Foodinvest NV, Sejo NV, Walschap NV, Foodlines BVBA and Bodegas BVBA. The 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 take-over bid is subject to the usual conditions, such as the conclusion of a final agreement on all transaction terms and the approbation of the Competition Council.

Colruyt Group aims to sign the take-over agreement in January 2010.

The take-over bid fits in Colruyt Group's ambition to obtain a more prominent position on the food service market and to expand the present food service activities, both in Belgium and abroad. In Belgium, Colruyt Group already operates in this industry with the commercial entities Collivery and Enco. Also in France, the Colruyt Group acquired several important food service companies during the past few years.

Colruyt Group appreciates the Foodinvest Group for its nationwide operations, the attractive and diverse clientele, the strategic location, the strongly motivated staff and the know-how in food service.

Colruyt Group expects the take-over to strengthen its market position and to lead to further sustainable growth in professional catering.

Financial Calendar:

- Announcement results first six months 2009/10 November 30 2009
- Announcement sales results first nine months 2009/10 January 29 2010
- Announcement annual results financial year 2009/10 June 28 2010

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