



PRESS RELEASE

Together with the other Coopernic members the Colruyt Group finalizes the acquisition of the Baltic IKI Group

On February 29, 2008 the Colruyt Group, together with all the other members of Coopernic (E. Leclerc 'France', Conad 'Italy', Rewe 'Germany' and the Coopsuisse Group), finalized the acquisition of the Lithuanian Group IKI.

The Colruyt Group, together with the other Coopernic members, acquired a majority stake of 80% in the capital of the IKI group. The remaining 20% are still in hands of the family Ortiz who founded the Group in 1992. As a result of this transaction Colruyt Group acquired a direct stake of 10,5% in the IKI Group. With this acquisition the Colruyt Group deepens the collaboration with the other Coopernic members. Furthermore the acquisition increases the visibility of Coopernic on a worldwide level and allows us to position ourselves better with respect to concentration fluxes of both multinational and integrated distributors.

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