



**Colruyt Group stops organic growth activities in the Netherlands**

**Halle, May 19 2008 - Today after an in-depth analysis the Colruyt Group has decided, after three years, to stop its organic growth activities in the Netherlands. Although the Colruyt Group will analyse with the same logic and interest all the acquisition opportunities on the Dutch food retail market**

In 2005 the Colruyt Group started prospecting the Dutch food retail market, which resulted in the opening of one Bio-Planet store in the Heuvel Galerie in Eindhoven. However acquiring real estate and permits needed for the opening of Colruyt stores was very difficult. Therefore, after an in-depth analysis, the Group Colruyt has decided to stop its organic growth activities in the Netherlands. This announcement does not impact the Group's interest to enter the Dutch market. As a result the Colruyt Group will analyse with the same logic and interest all the acquisition opportunities on the Dutch food retail market.

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