



TO THE NATIONAL SECURITIES MARKET COMMISSION

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The US Antitrust Authority approves purchase of the SOS business in USA

Further to the announcements made on 25 November 2010 (Regulatory Announcement no. 133683) and 31 March 2011 (Regulatory Announcement no. 141477) regarding the purchase of the SOS rice businesses, you are hereby advised that the US Antitrust Authority has approved the acquisition by Ebro Foods of American Rice Inc. (ARI), up to now the US rice subsidiary of Deóleo (new name of the SOS Corporación Alimentaria Group).

ARI will thus add to Ebro's extensive portfolio in the USA (with the brands Mahatma, Minute, Success, Carolina, Gourmet House, among others) a broad array of national and international brands such as Abu Bint, Blue Ribbon, Green Peacock, Comet and Golden Sail, with a major presence in the USA and Middle East.

The incorporation of ARI in the Ebro rice division consolidates the company's position on the US retail market, raising its market share in volume to 27.6%.

Following this approval and since the rice businesses in The Netherlands and Portugal do not require approval by the antitrust authorities, we are now only waiting for approval by the Spanish Antitrust Authority of the acquisition of the SOS business in Spain.

We are at your disposal for any further information you may require.

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