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To the Directors of EBRO FOODS, S.A.:

As requested by the Board of Directors of Ebro Foods, S.A. ("the Entity") and in accordance with our proposal-letter dated 20 December 2012, we have applied certain procedures to the accompanying "Information relating to the ICFR" of Ebro Foods, S.A. for 2012, which summarises the internal control procedures of the Entity in relation to its annual financial reporting.

The Board of Directors is responsible for adopting the appropriate measures in order to reasonably guarantee the implementation, maintenance and supervision of an adequate internal control system and for making improvements to that system and for preparing and establishing the content of the accompanying Information relating to the ICFR system.

It should be noted in this regard, irrespective of the quality of the design and operational effectiveness of the internal control system adopted by the Entity in relation to its annual financial reporting, that the system can only permit reasonable, but not absolute, assurance in connection with the objectives pursued, due to the limitations inherent to any internal control system.

Securities Market Law 24/1988, of 28 July, as amended by Sustainable Economy Law 2/2011, of 4 March, stipulates that for the annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011, the Annual Corporate Governance Report ("ACGR") must include a description of the main features of internal control and risk management systems with regard to the statutory financial reporting process. In this connection, on 26 October 2011 the Spanish National Securities Market Commission (CNMV) published a draft Circular, modifying the Annual Corporate Governance Report form to be published, which included the approach to be taken by entities with respect to the description of the main features of their system of ICFR. A CNMV letter dated 28 December 2011 contains a reminder of the legal amendments to be taken into consideration when preparing the "Information relating to ICFR" up until the final publication of the CNMV Circular defining a new ACGR model.

Pursuant to subparagraph no. 7 of the content of the system of ICFR contained in the annual corporate governance report form included in the draft CNMV Circular, whereby entities are required to indicate whether the description of the system of ICFR has been reviewed by an external auditor and, if so, to include the relevant report, the financial auditors' representative bodies published Draft Guidelines on 28 October 2011 and the corresponding illustrative auditors' report ("the Draft Guidelines"). In addition, on 25 January 2012, the Spanish Institute of Certified Public Accountants established certain additional considerations in this connection in its Circular E01/2012.

In the course of our audit work on the financial statements and pursuant to Technical Auditing Standards, the sole purpose of our assessment of the internal control of the Entity was to enable us to establish the scope, nature and timing of the audit procedures to be applied to the Entity's financial statements. Therefore, our assessment of internal control performed for the purposes of the aforementioned audit of financial statements was not sufficiently extensive to enable us to express a specific opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control over the regulated annual financial reporting.

For the purpose of issuing this report, we applied exclusively the specific procedures described below and indicated in the Draft Guidelines on the Auditors' Report on the Information relating to the System of Internal Control over Financial Reporting of Listed Companies, which establishes the work to be performed, the minimum scope thereof and the content of this report. Since the work resulting from such procedures has, in any case, a reduced scope that is significantly less extensive than that of an audit or a review of the internal control system, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness thereof, or on its design or operating effectiveness, in relation to the Entity's annual financial reporting for 2012 described in the accompanying Information on the ICFR system. Therefore, had we applied procedures additional to those established in the aforementioned Guidelines or performed an audit or a review of the internal control over the regulated annual financial reporting, other matters or aspects might have been disclosed which would have been reported to you.

Also, since this special engagement does not constitute an audit of financial statements and is not subject to the Consolidated Spanish Audit Law, approved by Legislative Royal Decree 1/2011, of 1 July, we do not express an audit opinion in the terms provided for in that Law.

## The procedures applied were as follows:

- Perusal and understanding of the information prepared by the Entity in relation to the
  accompanying report on the information relating to the system of ICFR and assessment of
  whether this information addresses all the information required in accordance with the
  minimum content described in the annual corporate governance report form included in the
  draft CNMV Circular.
- 2. Questioning of personnel responsible for the drawing up of the information detailed in point 1 above: (i) to obtain an understanding of the process that goes into drawing up the information; (ii) to obtain information that permits an evaluation of whether the terminology used complies with the framework definitions; and (iii) to obtain information on whether the control procedures described are in place and functioning at the Entity.
- 3. Review of the explanatory documentation supporting the information detailed in point 1 above, including mainly the documentation furnished directly to the personnel in charge of preparing the information describing the system of ICFR. In this regard, the aforementioned documents include reports prepared for the Audit and Control Committee by internal audit, senior management and other internal or external specialists.
- 4. Comparison of the information detailed in point 1 above with the knowledge on the Entity's ICFR obtained through the procedures applied during the financial statement audit work.
- Reading of the minutes taken at meetings of the Board of Directors, Audit and Control Committee and other committees of the Company to evaluate the consistency between the ICFR business transacted and the information detailed in point 1 above.
- Obtainment of the representation letter in connection with the work performed, signed by those responsible for preparing and formulating the information detailed in point 1 above.

The procedures applied to the Information relating to the ICFR system did not disclose any inconsistencies or incidents that might affect the Information.

This report has been prepared exclusively in the framework of the requirements of Spanish Securities Market Law 24/1988, of 28 July, amended by Sustainable Economy Law 2/2011, of 4 March, and the provisions of the draft CNMV Circular of 26 October 2011 for the purposes of the description of the system of ICFR in Annual Corporate Governance Reports.

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