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UNIVEG obtains antitrust approval for proposed acquisition of Atlanta AG

The UNIVEG group of companies is a worldwide supplier of fresh produce and is active in the fields of fruits and vegetables, bulbs and flowers, Convenience, logistics and transport. With an annual turnover of 2.2 billion EURO before the acquisition of Atlanta AG, operating in 23 countries, the Belgian-based UNIVEG group employs 8,500 employees worldwide.

Following receipt of the European competition authorities' approval, the transaction announced on 13 May in which UNIVEG came to an agreement with Chiquita Brands International Inc., USA to buy its wholly-owned German distribution business, Atlanta AG, has been closed today.

As from today, the Supervisory Board members from Atlanta AG have been released from their duties. Mr Hein Deprez, Chief Executive Officer of the UNIVEG group, Erik Vanderhaegen, representative of the UNIVEG group and Mark Hoenike, Partner at Allen & Overy have been appointed as members of the Supervisory Board of Atlanta AG. The existing Management Board of Atlanta AG, including Peter Jung and Michael Strumpfen will have 2 additional members: Eric Aelvoet and Tom Paemeleire, representatives of the UNIVEG group.

"The acquisition of this leading German fruit and vegetables trading company proves UNIVEG's continued commitment to delivering added value to our customers. Moreover we can optimize our infrastructure and benefit from the customer service capabilities and quality assurance system of Atlanta in Germany and Austria", says Hein Deprez, CEO of the UNIVEG group.

UNIVEG will continue to improve its long-lasting relationships with its customers and leading retailers, based on mutual trust. Moreover UNIVEG is constantly aiming to strengthen and improve the quality and competitiveness of its worldwide operations to better serve its customers.

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Atlanta AG is a major fruit and vegetables trading company in Germany and Austria. It has a leading position in terms of imports, logistics and the distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables. With a turnover of over 950 million EURO in 2007, it has 17 locations within Germany and Austria and agencies in France, Spain, Hungary and Italy.

Learn more about UNIVEG group of companies at www.univeg.com and about Atlanta AG at www.atlanta.de.