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Press release

Tessenderlo Group: FISO now wholly-owned by AKIOLIS

AKIOLIS, a wholly-owned French subsidiary of Tessenderlo Group, has just acquired the remaining 50 % stake in the Fiso Group. FISO's own daughter companies, FERSO BIO and SOLAGRA, each of whom are leaders in their sector of industry in the South West of France, as well as FISO's ISPAC subsidiary, will step up to become fully integrated as part of the group as of 1 July 2009.

No financial details of the transaction have been made public.

FERSO BIO (Agen) offers rendering services to 55,000 livestock breeders in 14 departments.

SOLAGRA (Rion-des-Landes) specialises in the collection and processing of poultry by-products. The company supplies fats and dehydrated proteins to the pet food industry in France and to various export markets.

ISPAC (Mauléon Licharre) specialises in the collection and preparation of animal by-products intended for the wet feed market for pets.

Employing 250 staff and operating 3 plants and 7 collection centres, the three companies are leveraging the consolidation of the establishment of AKIOLIS in France.

***AKIOLIS Group** is an industrial business group that specialises in solutions for the collection, processing and marketing of organic by-products (derived from meat and cereals) sourced from livestock farms and the agri-foodstuffs industry.*

The Group supplies animal fats and nutritional ingredients intended for the production of bioenergy or that are used in the pet food, fertilisation, lipid chemicals, gelatin or animal feed industries.

The Group recently went on to diversify on the market of by-products of cereals sourced from the food industry and the collection and processing of used edible oils. By 2010, the group is planning developments in the area of direct production of bioenergy sources: biofuels made from animal fats and oils and methanisation.

AKIOLIS Group, Europe's third-ranking operator, processes 1 million tonnes of feed materials each year. The Group is firmly established all over France, and employs 1,150 staff in 13 industrial sites and 41 collection centres and transshipment stations.

***Tessenderlo Group** is an international chemicals company with more than 100 branches in 20 countries. Around 8,200 people work for the group, 2,277 of which in France. The group is a world and European leader in most of its products areas with a consolidated revenue totalling 2.76 billion EUR in 2008 from its three business groups (Chemicals, Plastics Converting and Specialities). Tessenderlo Chemie NV is listed on Eurolist by Euronext Brussels and is part of Next 150 and BEL Mid.*

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