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AGRANA expands: acquisition of Slovenian food company Mercator-Emba

The food group AGRANA is bolstering its presence in Europe through the acquisition of Mercator-Emba d.o.o. (EMBA), a leading Slovenian food manufacturer for the food service sector, food processors and food retailers. EMBA excels due to its expertise in the product development and production of syrups and dessert toppings and ships its products mainly to Central, Southern and Eastern Europe.

With its head offices located around 30 km south-west of Ljubljana, EMBA employs around 100 personnel and generated revenues of approximately € 30 million in its 2024 financial year.

The deal is subject to approval from the competent competition and regulatory authorities.

“Acquiring Mercator-Emba gives AGRANA access to additional distribution markets and new customer segments in the growing food service sector. This fits perfectly into our portfolio as part of our NEXT LEVEL corporate strategy, in which profitable growth in the business unit Food & Beverage Solutions is a core element,” stresses **AGRANA CEO Stephan Büttner**.

AGRANA operates in its business unit Food & Beverage Solutions 37 production sites worldwide, of which 20 are located in Europe. These sites manufacture tailor-made formulations and customer-oriented solutions for dairies, the food service, ice cream, bakery products and beverage industries.

About AGRANA

AGRANA converts agricultural raw materials into high-quality foods and numerous industrial intermediate products. Around 9,000 employees working in its two business units 'Agricultural Commodities & Specialities' and 'Food & Beverage Solutions', generate annual Group revenue of approximately € 3.5 billion at 50 production facilities worldwide. The Group was founded in 1988, is the global leader in fruit preparations and a leading manufacturer (and supplier) worldwide of apple and berry juice concentrates. AGRANA is the leading sugar company in Central and Eastern Europe and a major producer of customised potato, corn and wheat starch products as well as bioethanol.

This announcement is available in German and English at www.agrana.com.