



Strube buys Spanish-based seed unit

Söllingen, 21 March 2011 – As of March 1st 2011, Strube is the new owner of the Spanish-based seed producer Maribo Seed España S.A.U.

Strube has concluded an agreement to buy the Spanish seed producer Maribo Seed España S.A.U. from Nordic Sugar, a subsidiary of Nordzucker. The agreement covers the sunflower seed production and the company's sales activities in Spain and Europe.

“We are delighted to have concluded the deal to buy Maribo Seed España. This purchase will enable us to significantly widen our product portfolio. Sunflower seed production is a natural extension to our current breeding programs and sales structures, strengthening our international presence”, said managing director Sina Isabel Strube.

Maribo Seed España is headquartered in Madrid. The company specializes in the production of sunflower seed and processes these in its own plant in Aranzueque. The company also sells sunflowers, sugar beet and vining pea seeds. The new company, Strube España, will retain its staff and will be managed by Jesús Riesco Mangas.

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Strube

Strube is a medium-sized independent family business specialising in plant breeding for the agriculture of tomorrow. Since 1877, it has been breeding and marketing competitive varieties of arable crops, specialising in sugar beet and cereals. Strube is one of the leading international breeders of sugar beet.

Strube realises the importance of a holistic, multidimensional view of seed. As well as constantly improving varietal performance through genetics, the company is also becoming increasingly involved in developing innovations in seed quality research, and in the production and preparation of seed. The Strube company also provides a comprehensive support service for the agricultural sector.

Strube is part of a globally active network, and works closely together with universities, research institutions and interest groups in the international arena, taking on board the latest developments



from the fields of business, industry, trade and politics. The company is active in over 35 countries and has over 150 varieties currently in seed production and sales through subsidiaries and partnerships.

For more information, visit: www.strube-international.net.

Nordic Sugar

Nordic Sugar has produced sugar for the Northern European market for more than 100 years. On the back of a high level of quality, innovative product development and efficient supply, we boast market leadership in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Our products are used in all almost food industry segments, and we develop many of our tailored solutions in close collaboration with our customers. Consumers benefit from our range of speciality products marketed under our Dansukker trademark.

Nordic Sugar produces sugar at plants in Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Lithuania. The production is based on natural raw materials, primarily sugar beet grown locally. In all we do, we are guided by our ambitions for environmental, social and financial sustainability: We want to be an attractive workplace, a strong business partner and an asset to the local community.

In Nordzucker, ranking as Europe's second largest sugar producer, Nordic Sugar makes up Region Northern Europe.

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