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The Iranex Group (Colloïdes Naturels International / Starlight Products / Nutriprocess / Afritec) announces the acquisition of the French company BIO SERAE LABORATORIES, thus adding a new expertise to its range of natural health ingredients.

Rouen April 10th 2008 – The Iranex Group (CNI – Colloïdes Naturels International, Starlight Products, Nutriprocess and Afritec) announces today the acquisition of 100% of Bio serae Laboratories, producer and supplier of nutraceutical natural ingredients for food, health and well being.

Located in Bram, near Toulouse, Bio serae Laboratories yearly turnover is of 7 Millions Euro.

This acquisition consolidates Iranex group and more specifically CNI situation on the health products global market. With it Iranex confirms itself as an indispensable world leader for the nutraceutical ingredients and the food supplements.

CNI and Bio Serae Laboratories will benefit from strong synergies either between their products ranges or within their clients portfolios. Bio Serae markets a complete range of nutraceuticals active ingredients through well-known brands (NeOpuntia®, Cacti-Néa®, VinOserae®, VinOseed®...) for claims covering weight loss, joints comfort, antioxidants and heart protection.

CNI is rich of more than 110 years of experience dedicated to acacia gum – prebiotic soluble fibre – and makes a point to always develop new applications for its products in the agrofood industry as a scientific expert for the nutritional qualities of the acacia gum. CNI notably markets the brands Fibregum™, Eficacia™, and its latest product family Equacia™.

The two companies share a strong will to carefully protect the natural supply of their products, to highlight their properties through numerous research projects and to guarantee their products quality and efficiency towards their clients.

Stéphane Dondain, CEO of the Iranex Group declares: « This acquisition represents a major step for the development and diversification of the Iranex Group. Having acquired Bio Serae, the Iranex Group becomes an essential presence in the health and well being markets and remains an innovative leader for the natural products and ingredients.

Bio Serae Laboratoires has the unique talent of developing the intrinsic values of natural botanicals as replacements for chemical molecules for the markets of food supplement, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Located in Bram, near Toulouse, Bio Serae Laboratories is a company of 25 employees with its own industrial facility and a worldwide network of 24 agents and distributors.

The Iranex group is one of the world leading ingredients supplier for nutrition, food, pharmacy and cosmetics with an international position through 17 companies in the world operating over 72 countries. The Group enjoys a 7% to 9% yearly growth of its activities. It is made of CNI – Colloïdes Naturels International, the world leader for the natural colloids and gums (CNI owns 8 distribution subsidiaries and markets its products through a network of 75 agents in the world), of Starlight Products, specialist of vegetal raw materials sourcing, of Nutriprocess, european spraydrying expert and and of Afritec, company dedicated to the first step of the acacia gum process.

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