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For the attention of Mrs Felicia KUNG

**Subject : Exemption Request for ADR's under Rule 12g3-2 (b)**

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Dear Mrs KUNG,

You will find, here enclosed, a press-release concerning our Company and delivered to the French Market.

Wishing you a good receipt of this document,

Yours sincerely,

**Antoine PERNOD**

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## **AGROS HOLDING SA (a Pernod Ricard subsidiary) disposes of its confectionery business**

*Paris, 2 July 2002* – Agros Holding has finalised contracts for the disposal of its confectionery business:

- ZPC SKAWA S.A.– confectionery and patisserie producer – sold to SKAWA BIS Sp. Zo.o, a company regrouping shares held by the employees since privatisation in 1997, and
- ZPC AGROS-OPTIMA S.A. – confectionery producer – sold to UNITOP and PARTNER Sp. Zo.o.

The sale to these Polish companies is the result of the refocusing of Agros on its core activities of fruit juice and jam. Through this refocusing, Agros aims to reinforce its leading position in its core activities.

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## Pernod Ricard announces sale of BWG to Electra

*Paris, July 18 2002* – Pernod Ricard announces it has signed contracts for the sale of its wholly owned subsidiary BWG Group Limited (BWG), to Electra Partners Europe (Electra). The sale is conditional principally on the consent of the relevant regulatory authorities and is expected to complete during the course of the summer.

BWG is an Irish and British wholesale distribution business, providing goods and services to the retail grocery trade, licensed and catering outlets. BWG also owns or has the franchise rights to various branded stores, including SPAR in the Republic of Ireland, SPAR in south-west England and Bargain Booze in Great Britain. BWG also operates a network of cash and carries in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Under Electra's ownership the existing management of BWG, led by Leo Crawford, will continue with the business.

Pernod Ricard will receive €220 million from Electra, of which €15 million is in the form of a loan note. Adjusting BWG's profits onto a normalised basis, Pernod Ricard estimates that in 2001 BWG would have had an EBIT of approximately €31 million.

Patrick Ricard, Pernod Ricard Chairman & CEO said « *BWG was the last significant asset in our program of disposal of non-core businesses. Pernod Ricard will now be operating as a pure player in the spirits and wine sector* ».

The proceeds will be used to pay down borrowings incurred to purchase Seagram's spirits and wine business.

In an inter-linked transaction Electra is also purchasing a majority shareholding in Newhill Limited which owns approximately 115 SPAR stores mainly in the Dublin area.

Pernod Ricard was advised in the sale by Société Générale.

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