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Dear Ms Kung,

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Please find our press release of 31st January 2003.

With kind regards,

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PRESS RELEASE

TESENDERLO GROUP REINFORCES ITS POSITION ON THE GELATIN MARKET

Tessenderlo Group is set to acquire the gelatin activity of the Australian group Goodman-Fielder, with production plants in Davenport (USA) and Santa Fe (Argentina). The value of the transaction is 67 million USD.

The production plant in Davenport (USA) has a capacity of approximately 10,000 tons/year of gelatin extracted from pigskins and the Argentinian one of almost 5,000 tons/year of gelatin extracted from beef hides. These companies employ around 300 people and their joint annual turnover is 70 million EUR.

The produced gelatin is used in the food and pharmaceutical sector.

This acquisition will strengthen the gelatin business unit within Tessenderlo Group (PB Gelatins), already comprising production facilities in Vilvoorde (Belgium), Trefforest (UK) and Nienburg (Germany). Today's production capacity of PB Gelatins is 22,000 tons/year.

"This acquisition forms part of our strategy for growth and it reinforces our position in the gelatin market outside Europe, where we were absent as producer. This acquisition is 100% complementary to our present activity. With this acquisition PB Gelatins confirms its position as the number three producer worldwide" stated Jozef Housen, head of PB Gelatins.

This project is subject to approval of the American F.T.C. (Federal Trade Commission) and the transaction will only go through once consent from this body has been obtained.

Tessenderlo Group is an international chemicals group with over 112 branches in 22 countries. Around 8,000 people work for the group, 2,500 of whom are located in Belgium. The company's consolidated turnover totalled 1,890 million EUR in 2001, from its five main areas of business (inorganic chemicals, fine chemicals, PVC, plastics converting, natural organic products).

The group is a European or world leader in most of its product areas.

Tessenderlo Chemie NV is listed on Euronext Brussels and is part of BEL 20, Next 150 and NextPrime.

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