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Repurchase of shares to service existing management and personnel option plans

Royal DSM N.V. intends to repurchase a maximum of 742,000 of its own shares in November in order to cover its commitments under existing management and personnel option plans in the manner that is customary at DSM. The maximum amount involved in the repurchase will be EUR 26 million.

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DSM is active worldwide in nutritional and pharma ingredients, performance materials and industrial chemicals. The company creates innovative products and services that help improve the quality of life. DSM's products are used in a wide range of end markets and applications such as human and animal nutrition and health, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, automotive and transport, coatings, housing and electrics & electronics (E&E). DSM's strategy, named *Vision 2010 – Building on Strengths*, focuses on accelerating profitable and innovative growth of the company's specialties portfolio. Market-driven growth, innovation and increased presence in emerging economies are key drivers of this strategy. The group has annual sales of approximately EUR 8 billion and employs around 23,000 people worldwide. DSM ranks among the global leaders in many of its fields. The company is headquartered in the Netherlands, with locations in Europe, Asia and the Americas. More information about DSM can be found at www.dsm.com

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