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CSM TO REVIEW ITS CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Diemen, The Netherlands, 7 April 2006 - CSM announces that it will review its corporate governance structure in the coming period. As part of the change process underway at CSM including the changed composition of the Board of Management, the redefinition of the company's strategy and the initiation of a drastic restructuring operation CSM deems it appropriate to evaluate its corporate governance structure in the light of current views and developments. In order to come up with a balanced solution and take account of impending changes to Dutch company law, CSM expects to be able to make further announcements in this respect by the end of 2006.

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Background Information

CSM is a global producer and distributor of bakery products and food ingredients. CSM's main product groups include bakery ingredients and products, lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives, and sugar. With these activities CSM has an annual turnover of € 2.6 billion and a workforce of approximately 8,500. CSM operates in Europe, the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Asia. More info: www.csm.nl

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