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The **DELEPLANQUE** Group announces the acquisition of German seed producer **van Waveren** and becomes a leading player in the market of plant protein intended for human consumption.

Deleplanque & Cie has acquired the entire share capital of **van Waveren**, a company specialising in vegetable seeds. The signing of the share purchase agreement took place on 16 December 2020 in Rosdorf (Germany) and the subsequent transfer of shares on 18 December.

Van Waveren is a company that has a breeding expertise for green peas and beans. Within its market segment, the firm is among the leading players in Europe and is a highly valued partner for vegetable specialists within the deep-freezing and canning industry.

Eric Verjux, President of Deleplanque, points out: *“We are very pleased to have achieved this strategic move and looking forward to welcoming a team whose expertise we greatly value. Van Waveren is to become the main specialist in vegetable seed within our Group. We intend to give the company resources to accelerate its growth namely by enabling its access to cutting-edge biotech that we have developed in the breeding of other crop varieties, particularly sugar beet and various cereals.”*

Bernd Budke, Managing Director of van Waveren who handed over his firm, added: *“I am excited about the opportunities created by this merger. They will enable van Waveren to preserve its identity while nevertheless creating new scope for development and opening up prospects for the company and its employees. During our talks over the last few months we have found that Deleplanque’s corporate values are very similar to our own: independence, strength of performance and customer focus. This makes us optimistic about the future.”* Budke will serve van Waveren as an advisor for at least 18 months.

Martin Gaycken, who has been with the company for 10 years, shared the management functions with Bernd Budke until the official merger date. He will be serving as Managing Director of van Waveren: *“I am delighted that a European seed specialist will be van Waveren’s new owner. The family spirit of Deleplanque will help us to implement our long-term breeding projects together and to expand our market share.”*

About DELEPLANQUE: Strong family business since 1850, with a unique know-how in seed production, DELEPLANQUE Group became in 2018 a leading European player in breeding of varieties in various crops – sugar beet, small-grain cereals, green peas, sweetcorn and sunflowers –sold in 35 countries after the acquisition of German seed company Strube. With expertise based on advanced technologies, DELEPLANQUE Group’s R&D division breeds high-performance, innovative and unique crop varieties.

Find out more at: www.deleplanque.fr

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About VAN WAVEREN: With more than 60 varieties and activities in 40 countries, van Waveren has seen tremendous growth in turnover over the past 10 years and is now one of the leading producers of pea seed. This success is based on the genetic performance of its varieties, which exhibit multiple resistance and fully meet the different quality requirements of the food-processing industry. Formed in 1898, the company relocated to completely new headquarters in Rosdorf near Göttingen, Germany, in 2019.

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