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*Stake increase*

## **Grupo Kiluva increases its stake in Natraceutical up to 7,51%**

**Valencia (Spain), 12th October 2008.-** Grupo Kiluva increased its stake in Natraceutical up to 7,51%, as per the announcement sent today to the Spanish Stock Exchange Commission (CNMV).

The investment group headed by Mr. Felix Revuelta, which Naturhouse belongs to, acquired 5% of Natraceutical in December 2007, thus becoming one of the reference shareholders in the biotech multinational, a reference in the research and development of functional/active ingredients and nutritional supplements.

The confidence shown in Natraceutical at that first moment, together with the progressive increase of the stake that Grupo Kiluva has taken in the company, strengthens the commitment of Mr. Felix Revuelta with the business plan of the company chaired by Mr. Xavier Adserà, where the chairman of Grupo Kiluva is a member of the Board of Directors since last February.

### **Naturhouse**

Naturhouse, the international network of franchise stores specialized in nutrition and dietetics, which exclusively markets foods intended for special diets and food supplements, reached in September this year a total of 1,700 stores open all over the world. The rate at which Naturhouse inaugurates stores saw a growth of 20% last year. Naturhouse' sales in 2007 amounted to 249 million euros.

### **Natraceutical Group**

Spanish multinational corporation Natraceutical Group is at the forefront of biotechnology applied to nutrition, a leading reference in Europe in the sector of research and development of naturally-sourced functional / active ingredients and nutritional complements for the foodstuffs, pharmaceutical and cosmetics sectors. The company streamlines its industrial activity through two divisions (Ingredients and Nutritional Complements) with the purpose of contributing to the prevention of diseases and improving quality of life through nutrition.

The Ingredients division has today own production facilities in Spain, UK, Switzerland, Australia, Canada and Brazil; and is operating actively in over 60 countries, running branches in Europe, US and the Asia Pacific region, plus several sales networks worldwide. Natraceutical provides products and services to over 1,000 companies worldwide, including eight of the world's ten leading food corporations.

Later, in October 2006, Natraceutical expanded its sphere of activity by penetrating the nutritional complement sector following the acquisition of Monaco-based company Laboratoires Forté Pharma, specialised in nutritional complements for health, beauty and weight-control, thanks to which the company can now supply products directly to end consumers.



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Natraceutical Group closed the financial year 2007 with earnings of € 158.6 million, and EBITDA of € 19.2 million, representing an organic growth of 16% in turnover and 40% in EBITDA as compared with the previous year.

Natraceutical quotes in the Spanish stock exchange under the *ticker* **NTC**. Total outstanding shares: **328,713,946**.

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