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New appointment

Natraceutical has appointed Julien Laporte General Manager for the Group's Food Supplements Division

Valencia (Spain), 18th March 2009.- Natraceutical Group, a leading biotech multinational in the field of research and development on functional ingredients, active principles and nutritional supplements has appointed Julien Laporte General Manager for the Group's Food Supplements Division, with headquarters in Monaco, which the company markets under the brand name of Forté Pharma.

MBA by the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Reims (France), Julien Laporte had previously developed most of his professional career in L'Oréal, having been in charge of different brands from the French multinational.

After beginning his career as Product Manager in Spain for the Danone Group, in 2000 Julien Laporte joined L'Oréal Europe as Deputy Marketing Director for their Garnier Division, being later appointed International Brand Manager of Ambre Solaire. In 2004 he became Marketing Director of L'Oréal's Consumer Division for the Baltic Countries, being later appointed General Manager for those markets. Since 2006 and up to the present, he was General Manager of L'Oréal in Turkey, in charge of a team of 500 employees and 80 M€ in sales.

The appointment of Julien Laporte as General Manager of Natraceutical's Food Supplement Division means, according to François Gaydier, the company's CEO, "An important step to strengthen Forté Pharma as a leading Pan-European brand in the field of food supplements. Julien Laporte's experience regarding consumer products for leading beauty brands, together with his international track record, will be of high value to boost this business unit".

Forté Pharma is currently present in Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland, France, Spain, Italy and Portugal, with nutritional supplements in the ranges of beauty (oral cosmetics), slimming and health, and a turnover around 60 M€.

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Spanish multinational corporation Natraceutical Group is at the forefront of biotechnology applied to nutrition, a leading reference in the 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 Supplements) with the purpose of contributing to the prevention of diseases and improving quality of life through nutrition.

The Group's Ingredients division currently runs production facilities in Spain, UK, Switzerland, Australia and Brazil; and operates actively in over 60 countries, running branches in Europe, US and the Asia Pacific region, plus several sales



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networks worldwide. Natraceutical provides products and services to over 1,000 companies worldwide, including eight of the world's ten leading food corporations.

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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, specializing in nutritional supplements for health, beauty and weight control, thanks to which the company gained direct access to end consumers.

Natraceutical Group closed the financial year 2008 with earnings of € 161 million, and EBITDA of € 21.77 million, representing an organic growth of 5.30% in turnover and 13.58% 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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