

Naturex achieved 9.4% growth in 2009 sales

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Valencia (Spain), February 1st 2010.- French multinational Naturex, in which Natraceutical holds a stake of 35% since last December 30th, disclosed last Thursday after market closing their 2009 sales figure. The company reached a turnover of € 101.9 million, 9.4% above 2008 sales. This result, in line with the positive evolution of Naturex's activity throughout the four quarters of the year, confirmed the company's capability to guarantee a strong growth as a leading player in the field of natural ingredients for the nutraceutical, food, pharma and cosmetic industries, even in spite of the tough economic environment.

The figure does not include the activity of Natraceutical's Ingredients Division, incorporated into Naturex on the last days of December. This fact reinforces Naturex's growth estimations for 2010. The merger between two of the leading publicly traded companies in the ingredients industry has given birth to the number one independent company of natural specialty ingredients in the world.

Throughout 2009, Naturex's sales were achieved 59.8% in USA/Canada, 30.4% in the European Union and 3.2% in Asia/Oceania. By sectors, Naturex concentrated 64.7% of their turnover in the nutraceutical industry, mainly as ingredients supplier to nutritional supplements producers; 29.1% in the food and beverage industry, and 1.5% as a supplier to beauty and healthcare products.

In addition to Naturex's growth in the different markets where the company is present, the strengthening of the dollar versus the euro acted as an additional support. At constant exchange rates, Naturex's sales growth would have been 5,5%.

Naturex's presence by geographical markets and sectors in 2009 have been complemented after the merge with Natraceutical Group's Ingredients Division. This fact offers Naturex a privileged positioning to benefit from the growth and the consolidation of the industry, as well as from the evolution of the different markets in their recovering from the economic downturn.

Naturex will publish the full financial statements from the year 2009 on April 30th 2010.

On their side, Natraceutical Group will publish 2009 second quarter results next February 27th, and 2009 full audited financial statements on April 30th 2010.



Natraceutical Group

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 Laboratoires Forté Pharma, head company of the Nutritional Supplements Division, specializing in food supplements for health, weight control and beauty, exclusively marketed in pharmacies in Europe; and also through a 35% stake in French quoted company Naturex, resulting from the recent integration of their Ingredients Division into the French corporation.

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

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Naturex

Naturex has a recognized place amongst the very top global leaders in natural extracts. Naturex manufactures and markets natural ingredients for the food, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

Naturex organise their activity as a provider of high value-added natural ingredients into three sectors: Food and Beverage; Nutrition and Health; and Personal Care. After the integration of Natraceutical's Ingredients Division, Naturex's sales are in Europe (50% of the pro forma figure), USA/Canada (34%) and rest of the world (16%).

Naturex has production units in Europe (France, Spain, Italy, United Kingdom and Switzerland), the USA, Morocco, Australia and Brazil, and own sales offices in Europe, the USA and Asia.

Naturex quotes on NYSE Euronext Paris under the ticker FR0000054694; NRX. Total outstanding shares: 6,364,000.

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