

PRESS RELEASE

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Belgian Vitamex group reaches agreement with its joint venture partner DKSH to acquire the remaining stake in the Chinese joint ventures.

Since 1997 the Vitamex group has been active on the Chinese market through a series of successful joint ventures with the Swiss DKSH group. Both parties have since been combining their mutual synergetic skills in order to create successful business in the People's Republic of China. At this moment, three companies and four individual plants are operational in the PRC. Each company being a 50/50 joint venture.

DKSH wants to strengthen the focus on its core business, enabling and supporting companies in expanding their business in existing markets and launching into new ones. Therefore they have decided to divest their production activities.

As of today the Vitamex group has acquired the remaining 50% of the shares from DKSH in the three Chinese joint ventures. On the operational level, no changes will occur and the 3 companies will continue to deliver high-end feed products for livestock. Vitamex has far reaching plans and is fully committed to grow and expand the present foot print of its DKVE Animal Nutrition Companies in China.

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VITAMEX (www.vitamex.com) is an internationally operating company, active in the field of specialties, concentrates and premixes for the livestock feed industry. Through substantial investments in research and development and thriving on the power of innovation, Vitamex became one of the leading suppliers for feed manufacturers worldwide. Since 2005 Vitamex is also part of the Dutch cooperative Cehave Landbouwbetang.

DKSH is the leading Market Expansion Services Group with business focus on Asia. They assist companies and brands developing their new or existing business in Consumer Goods, Healthcare, Performance Materials and Technology.

With 460 business locations in 35 countries and a specialized staff of 22.000, it is one of the top 20 Swiss companies ranked by sales and employees. In 2008, DKSH generated annual gross revenues of CHF 8,400 million.

The company offers any combination of sourcing, marketing, sales, distribution and after-sales services. It provides business partners with expertise as well as on-the-ground logistics based on a comprehensive network of unique size and depth.

Although DKSH is a Swiss company with headquarters in Zurich, it is deeply rooted in communities all across Asia Pacific, following a more than 140-year-long tradition of doing business in this part of the world.