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Bio Springer to continue Borregaard's inactivated yeast and yeast extract business

We are pleased to announce to our customers that, from now on, Bio Springer will carry on our yeast business offer.

We have carefully chosen the worldwide leading company within this segment of the global savoury industry, to provide you the best alternative solutions.

The former Atisholz Torula production was started in 1944 and from the early 1970s further developed to a strong niche player regarding inactivated Torula yeast.

After the acquisition through the Orkla subsidiary Borregaard in 2002 and the introduction of a high quality range of yeast extract during the last six years the product portfolio has expanded significantly.

The closure of the Swiss cellulose site this Autumn had the consequences that we had no raw material available which could have enabled us to continue the yeast and yeast extract production. Without the ligno-substrate, first the fermentations and secondly the rest of the factory, had to be closed down.

We are in this respect pleased and relieved because Bio Springer has clearly the capabilities to supply all our customers with appropriate substitutes to our products.

Until the beginning of 2009 we will be in the position to offer you our last stocks of some of the original Atis specialities. Please let us know in this respect if you would like to have some reserve volumes for your reformulation work.

Be assured that Borregaard will give all the necessary support to Bio Springer in order to ensure a smooth transition of the business.

We take the opportunity to thank you for the constructive cooperation throughout the years and especially during this last difficult period.

You will in short time be contacted by Bio Springer, who together with Borregaard has identified products which can substitute the Atis range.

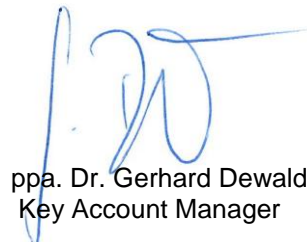
In case you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards

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