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Press release

NEW MANAGEMENT FOR EUROLYSINE

Avril announced today the arrival of Eddy Feijen as CEO of Eurolysine SAS. The company, recently created as part of Avril's takeover of some of the Metex Group's activities, is currently the only firm in Europe that develops and produces fermented amino acids which are vital for French and European animal production sectors.

Eddy Feijen, former Managing Director Base Oleochemicals at Olean, an Avril business unit and a global leader in natural-based oleochemicals, will focus on developing the business by drawing on the know-how of existing teams in Amiens and Saint-Beauzire, as well as Avril's expertise, to (re)make Eurolysine European leader in the production of fermented amino acids.

Eddy will report directly to a Strategic Committee, presided over by Avril CEO Jean-Philippe Puig, and comprised of representatives of the new firm's two shareholders – Avril (55%) and BPI's SPI fund (45%) – along with independent administrators.

Avril CEO Jean-Philippe Puig: *"I have full confidence in Eddy to meet the challenge of his new position. His international experience, his in-depth expertise of industrial sectors and markets, his knowledge of our Group, as well as his managerial qualities are key to driving Eurolysine's growth, and promoting sovereignty in the animal sector."*

Eddy Feijen takes over from Rudolph Hidalgo, who was in charge of restructuring Metex activities since November 2023.



56-year-old Eddy Feijen spent most of his career with Olean, Europe's leading oleochemical producer and an Avril business unit, which he joined over 20 years ago. Since 2013, he was Managing Director Base Oleochemicals at Olean.

Eddy, who holds a Masters in Chemical Engineering and a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences from the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), is a member of the APAG Steering Committee, the European Oleochemical Federation for which he was the president from 2016 to 2018.

About Avril

Avril, the 5th largest agri-food group in France, is the industrial and financial leader in the French vegetable oil and protein sector. The Group, created by the agricultural community, develops innovative, healthy and sustainable solutions to feed people and animals, and accelerate the decarbonization of the planet. Its purpose, Serving the Earth, guides its actions, in line with its ambition to become the leader in plant transformation by 2030, serving the agricultural, food and environmental transitions.

In addition to its historic role as an investor, the Group is now a manufacturer firmly rooted in plant processing, from seed to processed product. Active in human food, animal nutrition and expertise, renewable energies and green chemistry, it deploys a portfolio of activities that are all leaders in their markets.

Strengthened by this link with French farming, Avril has based its growth over the past 40 years on a unique value-creation model: it reinvests all its profits in the dynamics of the industry and its development in France and abroad.

Present in 19 countries with around 7,500 employees at 69 industrial sites and sales offices, Avril generated 8 billion euro revenue in 2023.

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