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Press release

GILLES VAN NIEUWENHUYZEN LEAVES CSM

Diemen, the Netherlands, 28 February 2007 – CSM nv announced today that Gilles van Nieuwenhuyzen, member of the Board of Management and divisional director of CSM Biochemicals (PURAC), has taken the decision to leave CSM as of 1 May 2007. His position within the Board of Management will not be filled.

Gilles van Nieuwenhuyzen: "PURAC is in good shape and the transfer of specific PURAC knowledge within the Board of Management is secured. After six years of working in this specific industry the time has come to move on and broaden my horizon. I wish CSM lots of success in further building its activities."

Gerard Hoetmer, CEO of CSM: "It has been decided to reduce the number of board members from 4 to 3 now that the specific knowledge of the PURAC business is broadly represented in the Board. PURAC has shown a clear turnaround under Gilles' direction in 2006 and is well on track to realize the 2008 goals. We are very grateful to Gilles for his substantial contribution to the development of PURAC and CSM as a whole during these past 6 years. We wish him all the best in his further career outside CSM."

As of 1 May 2007 the CSM Board of Management will consist of Gerard Hoetmer (CEO), Koos Kramer (CFO), and Reinoud Plantenberg. CSM expects to announce the successor of Gilles van Nieuwenhuyzen as managing director of PURAC soon.

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Background information:
CSM is a global producer and distributor of bakery products and food ingredients. CSM's main product groups include bakery ingredients and products, lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives, and sugar. With these activities CSM has an annual turnover of EUR 2.4 billion and a workforce of approximately 8,100. CSM operates in Europe, the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Asia. More information: www.csm.nl.