



DIA reaches an agreement to acquire EL ÁRBOL supermarket chain

- /The agreement includes the purchase of El Árbol shares for one euro.**
- /The closing of the operation is subject to clearance by the competition authorities.**

Madrid, 2 July 2014. DIA Group has reached an agreement to purchase 100% of the equity stake of the share capital of Grupo El Árbol.

The shares of El Árbol have been valued at one euro. In turn, DIA acquires the existing participative loan with the payment of a fixed price of EUR26m and a variable price linked to the performance of certain financial figures amounting to a maximum of EUR25.8m. In addition, there is a maximum estimated financial debt of EUR99m.

Additionally, DIA has agreed to concede a financing line to El Árbol of EUR7.5m. to ensure that the company can operate normally.

Currently, Grupo El Árbol has 455 commercial stores (425 proximity supermarkets) mainly in the regions of Asturias, Castile - Leon, Aragon, Extremadura and Galicia. In 2013, its net sales amounted to EUR822m. The company maintains the historical commitment of Grupo El Árbol with Castile - Leon where the headquarters are based (Valladolid), as well as in others regions.

DIA, which will keep the El Árbol banner, consolidates this way its focus on proximity acquisitions and the development of its fresh products range.

DIA (Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentación) is an international food retailer that also distributes fast-moving and HPC goods. DIA is traded on the Madrid Stock Exchange and is part of the Ibex 35, the main reference index of the Spanish stock market. In 2013, gross sales under banner reached EUR11.476bn and had 7,328 stores in the countries in which it operates

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