



Competition authorities approve the purchase of El Árbol with conditions

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- / DIA expects the transaction to be made effective in the coming weeks.**

Madrid, 21 October 2014. Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentación has obtained authorisation from the National Competition Commission in Spain to carry out the acquisition of the El Árbol chain announced on 2 July.

Today DIA received an official notification confirming that the transaction was approved by the National Markets and Competition Commission on 16 October 2014, subject to undertaking a commitment to divest 7 of the 451 stores owned by El Árbol.

The transaction, which will be made effective in the coming weeks, will involve adding a total of 444 proximity supermarkets to the DIA network in Spain, which will complement its range of outlets. The Company reiterates its intention to maintain the El Árbol banner.

DIA in Castilla y León
Total stores:
Proprietary stores:
Franchises:
Employees:
DIA in Spain (1st half 2014)
Total stores: 4,237
Proprietary stores: 2,701
Franchises: 1,536
Direct employees: 22,500
Jobs generated at franchises: 5,550
Gross under-banner sales: EUR 2,517 million
Business formats: DIA Market, DIA Maxi, Clarel, Minipreco, Schlecker, DIA Fresh, Fresh by DIA and Cada Dia.
Product brands: Dia, Bonté, Baby Smile, Junior Smile, Basics Cosmetics, As.
DIA worldwide (1st half 2014)
Countries in which it operates: Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Argentina and China
Total stores: 6,598
Proprietary stores: 3,712
Franchises: 2,886
Direct employees: 40,000
Jobs generated at franchises: 18,900
Gross under-banner sales: EUR 4,434.8 million

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 the company had 7,328 stores in the countries in which it operates.

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