

Announcement: Bertin Ltda.

Moody's Comments on Bertin's Corporate Reorganization Plans

Sao Paulo, October 16, 2007 -- Moody's debt ratings and outlooks of Bertin Ltda. - Ba3 global local currency corporate family rating and Ba3 senior unsecured rating with stable rating outlooks -- are not affected by the company's recently-announced corporate reorganization. The reorganization's objective is to streamline and rationalize the company's activities in its core beef processing, hygiene and cleaning, and leather businesses.

"The rationale for not taking any rating action at this stage is based on Moody's view that there will not be any change in the assets available to and the covenants protecting Bertin Ltda's current bond holders as a result of the proposed corporate reorganization, said Moody's AVP-Analyst Soummo Mukherjee".

The restructuring will involve the transfer of substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Bertin Ltda, except for the ones related to its personal protective equipment division and some other non-core assets such as its canning division, to a newly created and wholly-owned subsidiary, Bertin S.A..

As part of Bertin Ltda.'s corporate reorganization, the company is seeking consent from the holders of its USD 350 million 10.25% Notes due 2016 and its USD 120 million 8.5% Senior Notes due 2008 ("rated bonds") to: a) change the issuer from Bertin Ltda. to Bertin S.A. for both notes; b) add Bertin Finance. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bertin S.A. to be organized as a limited liability company in the Cayman Islands, as a co-issuer of the 2016 notes; and, c) make Bertin Ltda. an unconditional guarantor of both 2008 and 2016 notes.

Bertin Ltda.'s proposed transaction is subject to bondholder approvals with a two-third majority by the end of October, 2007. Moody's sees no credit quality deterioration for its Ba3 rating on the rated bonds as a result of Bertin's initial proposed restructuring actions. Bertin S.A., the new proposed issuer of the 2008 and co-issuer of the 2016 bonds, will represent approximately 95% of Bertin Ltda.'s EBITDA. In addition, Bertin Ltda. will guarantee the full and punctual payments of principal and interest and all other amounts payable by the issuer for the rated bonds, irrevocably and unconditionally on an unsecured basis.

We note, however, that Bertin intends to terminate its guarantee on both bonds if certain conditions are met, including : (1) confirmation by Moody's and S&P that such release will not cause a downgrade on both bonds, and (2) attainment by Bertin S.A. of share equity equal to the total shareholder's equity of Bertin as of December 31, 2006 (BRL 1.4 billion). Moody's will continue to monitor developments related to the corporate reorganization and comment on the impact of the release of the Bertin guarantee when the company has met the share equity condition. We note, however, that the absence of Bertin Ltda as a guarantor for the rated bonds at this initial stage would have resulted in a negative rating action .

Bertin Ltda., headquartered in São Paulo, Brazil, is one of the largest beef processing and leather exporting companies in Latin America. In addition, the company owns and operates other facilities to produce cleaning products, personal protective equipment, dog toys, cans and packaging materials using by-products of its slaughterhouses.

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