



Louis Dreyfus Company sells its African fertilizers and inputs operations to Helios Investment Partners

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, 24 July 2017 – Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) today announced the sale of its Africa-based fertilizers and inputs operations, Fertilizers and Inputs Holding B.V., to Africa-focused private investment firm, Helios Investment Partners.

Acquired by LDC in 2011, Fertilizers and Inputs Holding B.V. distributes fertilizers, crop protection products, seeds as well as industrial chemicals through West-Africa, helping improve agricultural yields and facilitating economic development across the region. The company generates approximately US\$300 million in sales annually.

Gonzalo Ramírez Martiarena, Chief Executive Officer of Louis Dreyfus Company, commented: "Our global fertilizers & inputs business has expanded its reach, sales volumes and customer base in recent years. This transaction is fully in line with our strategy of concentrating on businesses in which we enjoy closer ties to product origination and farmer relationships. It will also allow us to strengthen our focus on forging partnerships in other geographies outside Africa. Through our Macrofert brand, we can continue to deliver a diversified range of fertilizers and inputs products and high-quality services to our customers in the rest of the world."

The closing of the transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary conditions.

Credit Suisse acted as sole financial advisor to LDC on this transaction and Norton Rose Fulbright acted as LDC's primary legal advisor.

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About Louis Dreyfus Company

Louis Dreyfus Company is a leading merchant and processor of agricultural goods. We leverage our global reach and extensive asset network to serve our customers around the world, delivering the right products to the right location, at the right time – safely, responsibly and reliably. Our activities span the entire value chain from farm to fork, across a broad range of business lines (platforms). Since 1851 our portfolio has grown to include Oilseeds, Grains, Rice, Freight, Finance, Coffee, Cotton, Sugar, Juice, Dairy, Fertilizers & Inputs and Metals. We help feed and clothe some 500 million people every year by originating, processing and transporting approximately 81 million tons of products. Structured as a matrix organization of 5 geographical regions and 12 platforms, Louis Dreyfus Company is active in over 100 countries and employs more than 21 000 people globally at peak season. For more information, visit www ldc.com.