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## Press release

### CSM acquires full ownership of lactic acid plant in Blair (US)

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**CSM has acquired the remaining 50% of the shares of the lactic acid production facility in Blair, Nebraska (US) from its joint venture partner Cargill. This production facility has been a joint venture between CSM's subsidiary Purac and Cargill since 1997. As the total output of the lactic acid plant was already fully dedicated to Purac, the transaction will not impact Purac's market position. The transaction will have a slightly positive effect on EBITA.**

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#### **Background information:**

CSM is the largest supplier of bakery products worldwide and is global market leader in lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives. CSM produces and distributes an extensive range of bakery products and ingredients for artisan and industrial bakeries and for in-store as well as out-of-home markets. It also produces a variety of lactic acid applications for the food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries. CSM operates in business-to-business markets throughout Europe, North America, South America, and Asia, generates annual sales of € 3 billion (pro forma 2009) and has a workforce of around 10,000 employees in 25 countries. CSM is listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. For more information: [www.csmglobal.com](http://www.csmglobal.com)