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Press Release

Numico Reports Impact on it's Indonesian Operations

Schiphol, 2 June 2006 – Royal Numico N.V. reports that - as a result of the earthquake that struck the island of Java on Saturday 27 May 2006 - its Indonesian baby food operations at Sari Husada have been affected, with employee impact and plant damage.

A detailed safety and damage assessment has already been completed at Sari Husada's two baby food manufacturing plants. The plants sustained damage during the earthquake and will not be operational for 2 - 3 months. Current finished product inventory ensures that consumers will be able to buy Sari Husada's SGM products for the next eight weeks. For any period thereafter, Numico will explore all internal and external sourcing options to limit the effect of this disruption on its Indonesian consumers.

The repair and start-up costs, the write-down of raw materials and other related costs are estimated between €15 – 20 mln (net of insurance coverage) to be taken in the second and third quarter of 2006, and of which approx. €5 mln is non-cash. The loss of sales in the second quarter related to plant repairs is estimated to be approx. €8 mln, with all efforts being made for a quick return to routine sales and operations in the third quarter of 2006.

Commenting on the situation in Indonesia, Jan Bennink, CEO of Numico, stated, *"Our first concern is for our people, their families and the community. The management of Sari Husada quickly set up an emergency center to offer aid to the injured employees and their families, as well as to provide assistance to those who have suffered loss of homes and belongings. I am proud of the speed and spirit of their first response and their commitment to Sari Husada's employees."*

Excluding the aforementioned loss of sales and exceptional costs, Numico reiterates its objectives to increase sales by 12 - 13% with an EBITA margin of 18.75%, on a comparable basis. Numico will provide a more detailed update on the situation in Indonesia when the company publishes its results over the first half year of 2006 on 3 August 2006.

Royal Numico is a high-growth, high-margin specialised nutrition company with leading positions in Baby Food and Clinical Nutrition and brings products to the market under the brand names Nutricia, Milupa, Cow & Gate and Dumex, among others. The company serves customers in over 100 countries and employs approx. 13,500 people (see also: www.numico.com).

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