

Press Release

CSM INVESTS IN INNOVATIVE BAKERY PRODUCTS IN GERMANY

Diemen, The Netherlands, 16 May 2006 – CSM's subsidiary BakeMark Deutschland, the largest operating company within the Bakery Supplies Europe division, will expand its production capacity for frozen bakery products at its Delmenhorst factory. CSM, global market leader in bakery supplies, will invest EUR 19 million in this new facility for innovative *American style* products, one of the key categories in the company. The new facility is scheduled to supply the German and other European markets from early 2007 onwards.

This investment is part of CSM's worldwide 3S program (*a Strong company, a Sharp team, and a Solid performance*) leading to the reinforcement of CSM's market positions and organizations.

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Background information

CSM is a global producer and distributor of bakery products and food ingredients. CSM's main product groups include bakery ingredients and products, lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives, and sugar. With these activities CSM has an annual turnover of EUR 2.6 billion and a workforce of approximately 8,500. CSM operates in Europe, the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Asia. More info: www.csm.nl