



## Press Release

### **Extruded Cereal Products B.V. (ECP) part of the group of companies / Strategic investment in future technology**

**Ibbenbüren/Germany, January 2022 – The Crespel & Deiters Group, a leading producer of wheat-based solutions, has completed the integration of Extruded Cereal Products B.V. into its portfolio as of 1 January 2022. ECP, with a production site in Helmond/Netherlands, is an international pioneer in the extrusion of cereal and protein products for breakfast cereals, sports nutrition, bakery and convenience products. With this acquisition, the Crespel & Deiters Group is expanding its technological know-how, securing the supply of in-demand ingredients and adding a further processing step to its comprehensive wheat refinement options.**

Having successfully collaborated since 2007, the two entities formed a joint venture in 2014 and, at the beginning of 2020, Crespel & Deiters acquired a 100% shareholding of ECP. From now on, the distribution of the extrudates produced by ECP — derived from wheat, maize, rice, milk protein and quinoa — will be transferred to Loryma's portfolio. Loryma is the food specialist within the Crespel & Deiters Group and develops innovative concepts that optimise meat and meat alternatives, baked goods, confectionery and convenience products. The team in Helmond will focus on further development and production in the future.

At the same time, ECP will establish a new production line and significantly increase its capacity to meet industry demand for a wide range of extrudates with different shapes and properties. In the newly created extrusion technology centre, customised solutions will also be developed, which can initially be tested on a small-scale laboratory extruder prior to scale-up, saving time and money.

The complex technology of extrusion holds great potential for diverse product innovations, especially in the growth market of plant-based products and high-protein applications. Extrudates



are in great demand as texturisers in meat alternatives and as a source of vegetable protein. In the form of crisps or flakes, they add a crunch effect to snacks, mueslis and breadings. They are also used in the pet food sector as a meat substitute in vegetarian or hybrid applications.

With the integration of the extrusion specialist, the Crespel & Deiters Group is expanding its range of plant-based alternatives for the food industry, ensuring maximum product quality as well as delivery and process reliability. Gustav Deiters, Managing Partner of the Crespel & Deiters Group, notes: "The integration of Extruded Cereal Products B. V. into our corporate structure is an investment in a future in which vegetable protein sources will play a key role. This enables us to meet customer-specific requirements even more comprehensively and support product development with tailor-made extrudates."

#### **About Crespel & Deiters Group:**

The Crespel & Deiters Group is an owner-managed, globally active company and one of the leading producers of wheat starches and wheat proteins in Europe. The company has been producing at its headquarters in Ibbenbüren for over 160 years, using state-of-the-art technologies, sustainable processes and great innovative strength. From the wheat-based raw materials, the brands Loryma, C&D Corrugating & Paper, C&D Technical Applications, Trigea and Crespeo develop highly functional products and application-oriented solutions for customer-specific applications. They optimize the end products and create added value for customers in the food, non-food and feed industries.

More than 380 employees work to achieve the company's goal of high quality, responsible treatment of nature, customer orientation and reliability. At Crespel & Deiters, sustainability begins with purchasing: Only EU wheat is used, at least 75% of which comes from German cultivation. This guarantees that the raw material is free of genetically modified ingredients. In addition, the high-quality EU wheat is rich in nutrients and is characterised by high purity. The regional proximity keeps the amount of transport routes and emissions as low as possible and strengthens the local agriculture.

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