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Progress made in the Company's Restructuring Plan

LA SEDA DE BARCELONA SELLS INDUSTRIAS QUÍMICAS ASOCIADAS FOR 23 MILLION EUROS

- The American industrial corporation American Industrial Acquisition Corporation (AIAC) acquires the chemical facilities of the Tarragona based company

El Prat de Llobregat (Barcelona), 3. June 2010.- As for today, La Seda de Barcelona has concluded the sale of its chemical subsidiary Industrias Químicas Asociadas, IQA, for a total amount of 23 million euros to the American group American Industrial Acquisition Corporation (AIAC). The sales process counted on KPMG's consultancy.

In November last year the Company called for bids to sell the Oxyd Ethylene production plant and during the process seven companies showed their interest for the La Seda de Barcelona assets which are based in the petrochemical area of Tarragona. La Seda's proposal includes the sale of the IQA plant, as well as of Aneriq, the society owning the cogeneration plant.

Jose Luis Morlanes, chairman of La Seda de Barcelona, declares "finally we have decided to sale IQA to the US-American industrial corporation AIAC as they have submitted the best bid, but mainly because they have a long term investment policy guaranteeing the future growth and viability of installations and of its employees". In this respect, the Catalan plant IQA is employing 120 people. Among the plant's main customers are La Seda's PET production plant in El Prat, as well as Cognis, Kraft, Bayer and Repsol.



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American Industrial Acquisition Corporation is a private industrial group from the United States, which is based in New York and specialized in the acquisition and long term restructuring of industrial companies. It owns 36 production plants and employs more than 5.600 people in 13 countries throughout North America, Europe and Asia. AIAC has acquired and restructured the industrial sites of Boeing, Siemens, Northrop, Grumman, Kodak and Ahlstrom, among others. The transaction was lead by Siobhan Sweeney-Córdova, Peter Graham and Mark Johnston representing AIAC. For this purchase, AIAC has counted on the advice of its Spanish affiliate Iberian Corporate Advisor (ICA).

IQA's acquisition is the second purchase in Catalonia by the American Group within a two year's term. In January 2009, the purchase of the former Unidad Hermética from the Italian multinational Appliances Components Companies (ACC) granted the company access to Spain. Then it acquired a compressor plant for cooling equipment with 600 workers in Sant Quize (Barcelona).

Restructuring Plan

La Seda de Barcelona is immersed in the deployment of its restructuring plan. On 26. May the Spanish Company achieved, through a historical judgment, the ratification by a British Court of the financial restructuring agreement, after months of intense negotiations with the creditor banks. With the approval of this "Scheme of Arrangement" La Seda is culminating the financial restructuring plan with the banks.



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Apart from the syndicate loan, the Company's financial restructuring process is also including an agreement with suppliers and bilateral loans totaling 400 million euros, with a total amount of restructured debt of approx. 1 billion euros

On the other hand and as far as the non strategic assets are concerned, the Company is negotiating the sale of SIMPE (Italy) and San Roque (Cádiz). In the case of the Italian plant, two tenders have been initiated, through which the company has received two bids. Although the process in the San Roque plant is still in a stage of bid submission, the Company has already received three offers for the purchase of the Cádiz-based plant. La Seda is foreseeing to finalise both operations before the 31. December 2010.