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Naturex's Personal Care Business Unit joins the Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)

Avignon – August 5th, 2014. The Personal Care Business Unit of Naturex, manufacturer of natural ingredients to the cosmetic industry, has become the newest member of the Union for Ethical BioTrade.

Naturex sources raw materials from all over the world and develops innovative ingredients that combine performance with sustainable practices. Becoming a UEBT member is part of Naturex's sustainability program launched in September 2013. In continuation with the company's dedication to sustainable principles and practices, this program drives improvements in ethical and responsible business practices across the entire value chain.

"Ethical sourcing is becoming increasingly important in the cosmetics sector. The membership of the Personal Care Business Unit of Naturex reflects the growing relevance of UEBT in the cosmetics sector," says Rik Kutsch Lojenga, UEBT's Executive Director.

As part of UEBT membership, Naturex will continue to implement Ethical BioTrade requirements in the supplier management system of its fast-growing Personal Care Business Unit. Relying on 8 purchasing offices located near strategic sourcing areas, Naturex will also further develop its partnership with its suppliers to promote good practices throughout its supply chains, giving initial priority to the most extensive cosmetic ingredient supply chains. Moreover, Naturex's agronomic department provides technical assistance and promotes, encourages and monitors the implementation of responsible practices by actors involved in the agricultural production chain.

"Since its beginning, Naturex has been working closely with local growers and collectors to preserve and encourage biodiversity. Receiving UEBT approval, with its strict requirements and external auditing process, is another step for Naturex's sustainability program," says Serge Sabrier, Chief Procurement Officer and President of the Sustainability Committee.

Naturex's Personal Care Business Unit will report annually on the progress made regarding its UEBT membership requirements. Independent auditors will audit Naturex triannually to confirm adherence with UEBT standards. Ecocert conducted the first independent audit of Naturex in January 2014.

Biodiversity is important for the cosmetics sector, both for innovation and day-to-day sourcing of natural ingredients. UEBT member companies commit to ensuring that their sourcing practices gradually advance sustainable business growth, local development and biodiversity conservation.

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Union for Ethical BioTrade

UEBT is a member based non-profit association that promotes 'Sourcing with Respect' for ingredients that come from biodiversity. UEBT is based in Geneva, with offices in Amsterdam and Sao Paulo. UEBT member companies commit to ensuring that their sourcing practices gradually advance sustainable business growth, local development and biodiversity conservation. UEBT was created in 2007 as a spin off from the United Nations to promote business engagement in BioTrade.

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Naturex Personal Care Business Unit

Naturex manufactures natural specialty ingredients for the Personal Care, Food & Beverage and Nutrition & Health industries. Naturex employs over 1,600 people and has 17 production units located in Europe, the United States, Brazil, Australia, Morocco, India and Chile. The group also has 25 sales offices worldwide. Naturex expertise and technologies maximize the full potential of botanicals for beauty brands. The Personal Care business unit offers natural actives powered by biological and clinical studies, as well as botanical extract collections, purified active molecules and a range of botanical oils and butters. The extracts are available in liquid or powder form to cover a wide range of cosmetic applications. www.naturex.com



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