



Naturex opens its Corporate Foundation

Avignon, FRANCE – 16th September, 2008 – Naturex is opening its own corporate Foundation. Since its creation, Naturex travels all around the World to research and select the best raw materials for its extracts. This approach has naturally strengthened its links with local populations, over the years, who produce and supply these plants. This has enabled Naturex to become well informed about the difficulties faced by these populations on a daily basis.

The Naturex Foundation is an independent entity with its own resources, which supports in particular education, medicine, and basic necessities in communities from which Naturex derives plant materials, outside of any economic interest.

The Naturex Foundation has already committed itself to support the Moroccan project "Agriculture program for disabled young people". Driven by "AgriSud" association, in the Moroccan area of Ouarzazate and Zagora, the aim of this project is to promote social integration for young disabled people in the countryside by setting up farms fully integrated in the economic activity and social life.

In addition, the Naturex Foundation has started a partnership with a Peruvian association called "Kalisayas Out Reach", based in Ninacaca. In this remote area, locals face difficulties on a daily basis, especially regarding care access, education, and means of communication. The Foundation will contribute through "Kalisayas Out Reach" to upgrade and improve the dental office, rebuild and refurbish the school, equip and connect an internet center for the town.

The progress made on these projects will be reported on a regular basis on www.foundation.naturex.com. This website is entirely dedicated to the Naturex Foundation and its actions.

Jacques Dikansky, President of the Naturex Foundation declared: "our Corporate Foundation is a long term engagement and an extension of our long-standing commitment to responsible corporate citizenship and sustainable development. Although Naturex has already been involved in several sustainable initiatives since its creation, we upgrade to an upper level with the opening of our Corporate Foundation."

Naturex develops, manufactures and markets natural ingredients for the food, dietary supplement and nutraceutical, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic industries. Headquartered in Avignon, France, the group employs 550 people and has an international reach, with over 90% of its sales generated in 30 different countries outside France. Naturex has production facilities in France, Morocco, the United States and Italy, a subsidiary in the United Kingdom, and sales offices in Singapore and Germany. A member of the United Nations Global Compact, Naturex is a leader in socially and environmentally responsible corporate citizenship.

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