

# News Release

## **Successful closing of transaction with Mondelez International: Barry Callebaut completes acquisition of chocolate production facility in Halle, Belgium**

- **Works council consultations completed**
- **Long-term agreement for the supply of an additional 30,000 tonnes of liquid chocolate per year to Mondelez International, starting in early 2017**

Zurich/Switzerland, December 31, 2016 – Barry Callebaut AG, the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality chocolate and cocoa products, successfully closed the acquisition of the chocolate production facility from Mondelez International in Halle, Belgium, as announced on September 15, 2016. This follows the completion of works council consultations and closing conditions. The factory in Halle, which will be integrated into Barry Callebaut's global manufacturing network as of January 1, 2017, will expand the company's production capacity for quality Belgian chocolate and fillings. The transaction also includes a long-term agreement for the supply of an additional 30,000 tonnes of liquid chocolate per year to Mondelez International, which will start in early 2017.

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### **About Barry Callebaut Group ([www.barry-callebaut.com](http://www.barry-callebaut.com)):**

*With annual sales of about CHF 6.7 billion (EUR 6.1 billion / USD 6.8 billion) in fiscal year 2015/16, the Zurich-based Barry Callebaut Group is the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality chocolate and cocoa products – from sourcing and processing cocoa beans to producing the finest chocolates, including chocolate fillings, decorations and compounds. The Group runs more than 50 production facilities worldwide and employs a diverse and dedicated global workforce of close to 10,000 people.*

*The Barry Callebaut Group serves the entire food industry, from industrial food manufacturers to artisanal and professional users of chocolate, such as chocolatiers, pastry chefs, bakers, hotels, restaurants or caterers. The two global brands catering to the specific needs of these Gourmet customers are Callebaut® and Cacao Barry®.*

*The Barry Callebaut Group is committed to make sustainable chocolate the norm by 2025, to help ensure future supplies of cocoa and to improve farmer livelihoods. It supports the Cocoa Horizons Foundation in its goal to shape a sustainable cocoa and chocolate future.*

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