

PRESS RELEASE

CAPITAL INCREASE IN BASJES HOLDING RESERVED TO GOWAN

Milan, October 18th, 2013 – Isagro S.p.A., jointly with Piemme S.r.l. (company by which it is indirectly controlled), announces that, as per the agreement signed on July 30th, 2013 and communicated on July 31st, 2013, the shareholder's meeting of BasJes Holding S.r.l. approved today a € 18 million capital increase reserved to Gowan Company LLC, which has been fully underwritten.

Following such capital increase, BasJes Holding, to which the controlling party Piemme transferred on October 11th, 2013 its majority stake in Manisa S.r.l. (a company controlling Holdisa S.r.l., which owns 54.7% of Isagro's ordinary shares), is now controlled for 51% by Piemme, with Gowan entering the controlling structure of Isagro holding the remaining 49%.

Isagro and Gowan have also signed agreements for the distribution of Isagro products in the North-American and Italian markets.

Gowan is a US based company operating in the development, commercialization and distribution of conventional and biorational pest control products, with sales together with its affiliates in around 80 countries.

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The financial resources coming from the capital increase above will be mostly utilized to subscribe, directly and/or indirectly, a capital increase in Isagro, through the issuing of new Ordinary Shares and Growth Shares, aimed at strengthening the financial structure of Isagro and at simplifying its controlling structure.

The Growth Shares, a new category of special shares designed for companies having a Controlling Party, grant, against the absence of voting rights, an extra-dividend versus Ordinary Shares and the automatic conversion into Ordinary Shares in any case of compulsory public offer and if the Controlling Party loses its control. Thus, Growth Shares offer to the investors in companies with a Controlling Party a mechanism of privileged financial remuneration and strong protection of their investment, since they become Ordinary when it is relevant for such investors to hold Ordinary Shares.



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Juli Jessen, Gowan Group CEO, commented - “We are enthusiastic to apply our talent in the field to Isagro excellent chemistry”.

“Thanks to a high level of reciprocal complementarity” – Giorgio Basile, President and C.E.O. of Isagro, commented – “the strategic alliance with our partner Gowan will largely contribute to Isagro’s growth in its commercial activities, while assuring Gowan access to our product portfolio and to our proven capability of innovating, both based on our discovery.”

Isagro S.p.A. is the holding company of a group which, in twenty years, has become a qualified operator in the agrochemicals business, with global sales of € 150 million and 620 employees worldwide. Listed on the Italian Stock Exchange since 2003, Isagro is active in the innovative research, development, production and marketing, on a worldwide scale, of proprietary agrochemicals, as well as in their distribution in some key markets.

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