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**Roquette celebrates 10 years of operation of its Pantnagar manufacturing site.**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2017, Roquette celebrated with its customers the first 10 years of operation of its Pantnagar manufacturing site. On this occasion, Roquette reaffirmed its engagement and commitment to continuously improve its customer focus to become a global leader in Food, Nutrition and Health markets. The CEO of the company, Jean-Marc Gilson, joined by other senior managers from India and abroad, hosted the celebration which counted on the presence of more than 100 customers.

During the event, Jean-Marc Gilson, Roquette CEO, underlined: ***“The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Pantnagar site marks an important step in the Group’s history; a history that started over 80 years ago in France, and that has gone through a strong international development since then. International, but much grounded on a strong local approach to support market development. Pantnagar is the perfect illustration of this commitment to serve our customers in India. With its investments in India, ROQUETTE proves its ambition to establish long-term, preferred partnerships with its customers”.***

In 2012, Roquette acquired 3 starch plants in India, thus becoming the leader in this fast-growing market. Amitabh Tiriar – Managing Director of Roquette India and Vice President of Manufacturing for the India, Middle East and Africa (IMEA) region, noted: ***“This acquisition underlined the Group’s ability to understand and anticipate its customers’ needs. While striving for industrial excellence, the company aims to remain number one in India, for the benefit of our customers”.***

To meet the growing demand of its Food industry customers, Roquette has recently boosted its industrial potential at the Pantnagar and Gokak sites in 2015. The capacity of the Pantnagar site increased by 60% and a new co-generation unit was installed to limit CO2 emissions into the atmosphere.

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***ROQUETTE “Improving well-being by offering the best of nature”***

***A family-owned Group serving customers globally, Roquette, is a leader in specialty food ingredients and pharmaceutical excipients.***

***The products and solutions developed by the Group deliver proven technological, nutritional and health benefits precisely tailored to the pharma, nutrition, food and selected industry markets.***

***Roquette’s offer is produced from plant-based raw materials such as corn, wheat, potatoes and peas. Since its foundation over 80 years ago, the Group’s growth has been based on innovation, a passion for the job and a commitment to achieve.***

***Roquette operates in over 100 countries, has a turnover of around 3.3 billion euros and currently employs more than 8,000 people worldwide.***

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