

Roquette invests €40 million in France to reinforce its global leadership in pea protein

*This investment in Vic-sur-Aisne will further contribute to the growth of the company
as a global Food, Nutrition and Health leader*

La Madeleine (France), 7 June 2017 – Roquette, a global leader in innovative plant-based ingredients, today announced a significant investment of €40 million in its Vic-sur-Aisne facility in order to increase its pea processing capacity and respond to a fast-growing global demand for pea protein.

Roquette's €40 million investment in its facility in Vic-sur-Aisne will allow a significant increase of its processing capacity. The expansion represents the second investment on pea protein that Roquette makes this year, after its announcement in January of a €300 million brand new site in Manitoba (Canada). These investments add to a €40 million invested in the Vic-sur-Aisne's facility in 2015, and they mark a strong acceleration of the Group's pea business line to serve an increasing global demand. Roquette has more than 40 years' experience in researching and producing plant protein, and has been a pioneer in plant-based protein specialties for Food, Nutrition and Health markets.

The two sites in Canada and France will provide an increased offer of pea protein solutions globally and also in close proximity to North American and European consumers. By 2019, the two facilities will represent a combined pea processing capacity of nearly 250,000 tons per year.

The pea protein market is a high growth market. The demand for plant proteins for human nutrition is strongly increasing, driven by health consciousness, new consumer habits and sustainability challenges. Pea protein offers many advantages to farmers, customers and consumers, as its production is environmentally friendly and it is a great source of protein, with numerous applications in gluten-free foods, vegetarian foods, sports and slimming foods, clinical nutrition and mainstream food.

Talking about the investment, Jean-Marc Gilson, CEO of Roquette, said: *"We are particularly pleased with the opportunity to expand our pea processing capacity at our Vic-sur-Aisne facility. This significant investment constitutes another important step in the deployment of Roquette's strategy. By increasing our processing capacity in the pea protein segment, we address a large and growing demand for plant-based nutrition solutions and we reinforce our leadership on this segment, proving once again our commitment to delivering sustainable innovative solutions to the Food, Nutrition and Health sectors. With an expected combined capacity of 250,000 tons in France and Canada, Roquette is in a leading position to continue providing our customers with high-quality plant based products all over the world."*

About 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 3.2 billion euros and currently employs more than 8,000 people worldwide.

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