

PRESS RELEASE

Natural-based Sweeteners

DOLCE core team announces membership changes in programme for natural-based sweeteners

-) **Business options for non-exclusive members were reshaped by the DOLCE core team**
-) **CPGC member who had access to the fields “morning foods” and “snacks” left for company-internal strategic reasons**
-) **DOLCE programme is moving forward and open for new partnerships**

The bioeconomy company BRAIN AG, the natural product specialist AnalytiCon Discovery GmbH and Roquette, a global leader in specialty food ingredients from plant-based raw materials – together the DOLCE core team – announce today, that a CPGC member (Consumer Product Goods Company) of the DOLCE partnership for natural-based sweetening solutions has left the program for company-internal strategic reasons. The company was a partner to the programme for the two food categories “morning foods” and “snacks”.

New industry partners are invited to join DOLCE, allowing them to test the natural-based sweetening solutions early in the development phase directly within their specific product matrixes for their own product portfolio. For non-exclusive members of the partnership the

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business model was reshaped to enable the new members an easier access to the programme.

The goal of the DOLCE partnership is providing next generation natural-based sweetening solutions for healthier food and beverages. Since the launch of the programme in August 2016 significant product categories were selected. The core team is currently preparing new partnerships for available product categories and negotiations with potential members.

Sergio Neves, Head of Nutrition and Health R&D at Roquette Group, says: “DOLCE is a great program. At the beginning of this year, we reached an important milestone by identifying and characterizing a number of natural-based sweet taste enhancers and high intensity sweeteners which we can share with members of the partnership.”

Martin Langer, EVP Corporate Development at BRAIN, says: “The DOLCE programme is moving forward with high business potential for all parties involved. We continue to invite further CPGCs to join our ongoing successful programme.”

Lutz Müller-Kuhrt, CEO of AnalytiCon Discovery states: “During the last two years we made good progress in the programme. We started with 50 natural sweetener candidates, now identified another 20, many of them new and already applied for patent by the team. We are happy to provide this collection of molecules to our DOLCE members and help them to reduce the sugar load in their products.”

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Consumer Product Goods Companies (CPGC) can become members of the DOLCE partnership for the development of all-natural sweeteners and sweet taste enhancers for diverse food and beverage product categories.

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