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## ABP Food Group acquisition of RWM Food Group including Blade Farming



ABP Food Group, the parent company for ABP UK, is pleased to announce the agreed acquisition of the RWM Food Group Holdings Limited, effective from 9 October 2011. The RWM business processes beef and lamb at facilities in Langport, Somerset and Yetminster, Dorset respectively. The Dorset plant also includes a retail packing operation. The acquisition also includes the Blade Farming operation.

ABP UK looks forward to continued good relations with the farmers supplying, and the customers of, the RWM Food Group.

Tom Kirwan, Managing Director of ABP UK, stated that:

“This is an important milestone in the development of ABP UK, augmenting its beef supply in the cattle rich South West region of England and giving the business a platform in lamb to further develop its existing lamb processing activity in Northern Ireland.”

Graham Heffer stated that:

“The sale of RWM was taken after much consideration by the family who had invested 40 years into growing and developing the business that prides itself on quality and customer service. I am sure ABP UK will embrace the RWM ethos and help the business develop even further. I would like to thank our staff, customers, suppliers and farmers for their dedication and loyalty on behalf of the entire family.”

Richard Phelps, Blade Farming Ltd, stated that:

“The acquisition includes the successful Blade Farming operation. Farmers who are contracted to Blade will see few changes however there will be more opportunities due to the sheer size of the ABP operation and the volume of cattle required in the future. ABP has processing plants well situated in the UK and will therefore allow us to sign producers in almost any location”.

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