

## **REPORT ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE AUDITORS**

To the Board of Directors of Ebro Foods, S.A.:

In pursuance of section 529 quaterdecies.4(f) of the Corporate Enterprises Act and article 24.4j) of the Regulations of the Board, the Audit and Compliance Committee of Ebro Foods, S.A. (the “**Company**”) issues this report prior to the issuance by the external auditors of the company and its group (Ernst & Young, S.L.) of their audit report on the separate and consolidated annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, declaring as follows:

- The appropriate relations have been established with the external auditors to receive information on any issues that may jeopardise their independence, to be studied by the Audit and Compliance Committee, and any other issues related with the audit process, as well as any other communications contemplated in audit laws and standards.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee has received written confirmation from the auditors, Ernst & Young, S.L., of their independence from the Company and any companies directly or indirectly related with the Company, as well as information on the additional services of whatsoever type provided to such companies and the corresponding fees received from them by Ernst & Young S.L. or persons or entities related with the latter, in accordance with the provisions of the prevailing audit laws and regulations. The aforesaid document issued by the external auditors is appended as an annex hereto.

After studying the information obtained through the above-mentioned communication channels, particularly regarding the additional services provided by the external auditors apart from the legal audit, considered both individually and overall, no aspects have been identified that could jeopardise compliance with the audit laws and regulations in place in Spain regarding the independence of the auditors. In particular, no aspects have been identified of this nature related with the provision of additional services of whatsoever nature.

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Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee  
Ebro Foods, S.A.

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