

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Les Moulins de la Concorde and Soufflet Negoce by InVivo : A lasting collaboration with France to ensure Mauritius food security**



**Port-Louis, November 20, 2025** – A memorandum of understanding guaranteeing the supply of French wheat to Les Moulins de la Concorde was signed today in the presence of **Mr. Emmanuel Macron**, President of the French Republic, and **Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, by **Jérôme Calleau**, Chairman of the InVivo Group, and **Cédric de Spéville**, CEO of the Eclasia Group and Director of Les Moulins de la Concorde.

In an international context marked by crises and geopolitical uncertainties that can disrupt supply chains, Soufflet Negoce by InVivo and Les Moulins de la Concorde reaffirm their collaboration to secure Mauritius' wheat supply for the future.

#### **A 35-year history of trust and commitment**

The partnership between Les Moulins de la Concorde (LMLC) and Soufflet Negoce by InVivo is the result of a long-standing relationship that has lasted for more than 35 years.

In 1987, faced with challenges related to flour imports—particularly recurring shipments of spoiled flour—the Mauritian government launched a tender for the creation of a local flour mill.

The goal was clear: ensure a regular supply of fresh flour through local production, as wheat preserves much better than flour.

The project presented by the Eclosia Group under the name **Les Moulins de la Concorde (LMLC)** was selected. This marked a historic turning point toward food autonomy for the island, with the first ton of locally produced flour in 1989.

To meet the specific tastes and needs of the Mauritian population—particularly for homemade bread and faratas—LMLC strategically chose to import both French and Australian wheat to produce high-quality flours adapted to local culinary uses.

Since then, a **strong commercial partnership** has been established with **Soufflet**, a French wheat supplier that became Soufflet Negoce by InVivo in 2021 following its acquisition by the InVivo Group. This partnership, based on trust and consistency, has enabled LMLC to receive the necessary volumes each year to meet the growing local demand for flour, which has increased from 60,000 tons in 1989 to over 100,000 tons today.

### **Soufflet Negoce by InVivo : an essential support**

Even during the most critical periods—such as the **global food crisis of 2007–2008**—Soufflet Negoce by InVivo always honored its commitments, while many other wheat origins failed. In this context, in **2008**, a first **memorandum of understanding guaranteeing the supply of 130,000 tons of wheat** was signed between Soufflet Negoce and LMLC.

*"We would like to emphasize that the Covid-19 pandemic was no exception: supply chains were rigorously maintained, ensuring Mauritius' food security in terms of flour without interruption. We thank our partner once again for this,"* said Cédric de Spéville, CEO of the Eclosia Group.

For Jean-François Lepy, Head of Soufflet Negoce by InVivo: *"This agreement is not just a commercial transaction; it is a commitment to the sustainable food security of Mauritius, which we are proud to support by guaranteeing the stability of our supplies to the island."*

The presidential visit today provides a unique opportunity to **formally renew this cooperation agreement**, symbolizing a strong Franco-Mauritian relationship focused on the future.

## **About LMLC – Les Moulins de la Concorde**

A company of the Eclosia Group, Les Moulins de la Concorde was founded 35 years ago—in 1989—to contribute to Mauritius' food security by supplying the market with fresh local flour. Starting with 8 silos, LMLC expanded to 16 in 1993, increasing its storage capacity to 40,000 tons of wheat. Today, with 25 types of flour for professionals and individuals, LMLC ensures production adapted to local consumption for making bread, chapatis, faratas, pastries, and viennoiseries. Learn more: [www.lmlc.mu](http://www.lmlc.mu)

## **About InVivo**

The InVivo group is one of Europe's leading agricultural groups, with a turnover of €11.7 billion, more than half of which is generated in France, and a workforce of 15,000, including 10,000 in France. With operations in 39 countries, it has 90 industrial sites, including 54 in France. This pillar of food sovereignty is active across the entire value chain, from farm to fork, and is a leader in each of its four main strategic activities: International Grain Trading; Agriculture and Agri-Food; and Food and Agriculture. Agri-food (Malt, Wheat, Wine); Garden centers and food distribution. A global cross-functional center for innovative and digital solutions completes the set-up to accelerate the transformation of these activities towards the 3rd agricultural revolution.

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