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**EAC receives payment of outstanding royalties from Venezuela of USD 15m
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Today EAC received payment of approved royalties from EAC Foods equalling USD 15m (DKK 90m). The payment took place at the official preferential rate of VEF/USD of 2.60 which was introduced in connection with the devaluation on 8 January 2010. The payment covers part of the royalty payments for 2008 and 2009.

The timing of the additional outstanding dividend and royalty payments remains uncertain; however, EAC Foods is in close dialogue with the relevant authorities in this respect. EAC still expects that also the remaining royalty and dividend payments requested prior to the devaluation will take place at the preferential exchange rate (VEF/USD 2.60).

Yours sincerely,

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