

Biobest Group acquires full ownership in Biobest Antalya

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Biobest Group N.V. ("Biobest") and Antilsan today announce the acquisition by Biobest Group of Antilsan's remaining 40% share in Biobest Antalya. The transaction allows both Biobest Group and Antilsan to strengthen their respective businesses.

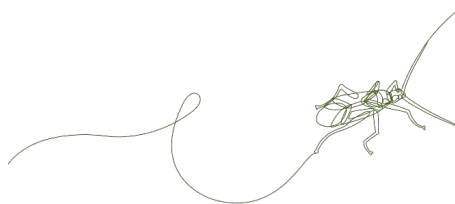
Biobest Antalya, Turkey's leading company in bumblebee pollination and biological control, will further capitalize on Turkey's excellent prospects as a leading horticultural producer. Antilsan will focus on business opportunities in fertilizers, biostimulants and distribution of agrochemical products. The longstanding and successful partnership between Biobest and Antilsan started as a production joint venture in 1998 and evolved into a fully-fledged production and distribution company in 2014. Antilsan and Biobest will continue to collaborate commercially while being fully independent in terms of shareholding.

Marc Mertens, Senior Vice-President Biobest comments: *"We are grateful to our partners from Antilsan and wish to thank them for the excellent collaboration during more than 25 years. Together we were able to make Biobest Antalya Turkey's leading player in biological control and bumblebee pollination. My appreciation also goes to the Biobest Antalya management team. Year upon year, in a challenging economic and monetary context, they have demonstrated their ability to grow the business and to be the reference for Turkish growers looking for quality products and sound technical advice. We are excited to be able to further build on this promising position to serve Turkish growers as they rise to the challenges of a more sustainable production for both the domestic and export markets. I also look forward to continue our commercial cooperation with Antilsan."*

"The collaboration with Biobest has been a great experience, beneficial to both partners and to Turkish growers gaining access to leading technology and expertise. We take pride in what we achieved together." Says Ulaş Yildirim, General Manager Antilsan.

"Given the solid prospects for Turkish horticulture, Antilsan's business in fertilizers, biostimulants and pesticides has tremendous potential and this transaction allows us to accelerate our investment plans. Our investments will cover R&D, proprietary product development and enhanced commercial presence nationwide."

"Biobest Antalya's team is fully prepared to continue to be the reference for Turkish growers in biological control and bumblebee pollination" says Yagiz Süzen, General Manager Biobest Antalya. "We build further on our existing product portfolio and our dense network of technical advisors and will develop and grow our biological solutions offering, including biopesticides. Just like Biobest Antalya has achieved a position as market leader in Turkey, Biobest Group has succeeded in achieving tremendous growth across the globe including through major acquisitions. Our team is delighted to be part of a global group that promotes exchange of expertise and best practices yet leaves ample room for local initiative and independence. Our customers can count on us to achieve economic success while dealing with the challenges of food safety, climate change and sustainable production."



About Antilsan

Antilsan Antalya A.Ş. is among the leading companies in the agricultural sector in its geography with the experience it has accumulated since 1991. It is an importer, exporter and producer of agricultural products such as pesticides, fertilizers, plant growth regulator products, traps and pheromones.

It provides services by supporting sustainable agriculture and prioritizing food safety, human and environmental health.

It has started its production activities as of 2021 and has gained momentum in the domestic market with its domestic products. Their next job will be to introduce and deliver these special products abroad

About Biobest

A global player in biological pest and disease control and bumblebee pollination of high value greenhouse and berry crops, Biobest exports weekly to over 70 countries worldwide.

Biobest has local production and/or distribution subsidiaries strategically sited in 22 countries worldwide, plus an extensive network of local specialized distributors located in an additional 50 countries on six continents. Employing +2.750 employees worldwide, our extensive production, supply chain, sales and technical advisory network provides an efficient global service delivering fresh quality product to countries every week using our highly specialized cold chain logistics.

Today our product portfolio features a comprehensive range of IPM solutions - including beneficial insects, predatory mites, bumblebees, insect pathogenic nematodes and biopesticides as well as monitoring, scouting, High-tech IPM tools and pheromone products.

Our highly skilled technical team – comprising 160 in-house and 250 distributor advisors – assists growers worldwide to provide best-in-class customized technical advice. To further enable the best possible results for growers, Biobest continually invests in R&D programmes to innovate and improve our products and solutions as well as to develop digital tools to help growers collect and record information on pest and disease incidence, severity, and distribution.

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