



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Johannes Kleppers to become new CEO of AGRANA Fruit Division**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 Johannes Kleppers will be taking over as the new CEO of AGRANA Fruit SAS.

Johannes Kleppers (55) is a Dutch national. He possesses decades of management experience acquired at top name companies in the food flavourings, ingredients and food processing industry. After completing his studies of International Economics in Rotterdam, Mr Kleppers worked in a variety of companies in countries including Holland, England, Belgium, the USA and Switzerland.

"In Johannes Kleppers we are happy to have found an experienced specialist to manage our fruit preparation business. His many years of experience will strengthen the long-term economic success of the Fruit Division in a complex market environment," said Johann Marihart, CEO of AGRANA Group.

#### **About AGRANA**

AGRANA is the foremost sugar company in Central and Eastern Europe. It is the leading supplier of specialised starch products in Europe by a considerable margin, as well as being the largest producer of bioethanol in Austria and Hungary. In the field of fruit, AGRANA is the top global producer of fruit preparations for the dairy industry and one of the leading producers of fruit juice concentrates in Europe. In its 2011|12 business year, AGRANA recorded revenues of approximately EUR 2.5 billion. AGRANA employs around 8,000 personnel at 56 facilities in 26 countries around the world.

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