



## **DELHAIZE GROUP EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CHANGE**

Dirk Van den Berghe, CEO of Delhaize Belgium and Luxembourg, to leave Delhaize Group

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, May 28, 2014 - Delhaize Group (Euronext, Brussels: DELB, NYSE: DEG), the Belgian international food retailer, announced today that Dirk Van den Berghe has decided to resign from his role as CEO of Delhaize Belgium and Luxembourg effective July 31, 2014.

Delhaize Group is announcing that Mr. Van den Berghe has decided to resign and accept a new role outside the company. Frans Muller, Delhaize Group President and CEO, said, "I want to thank Dirk for his significant contributions to Delhaize Group and wish him well in his future endeavors. Our operations in Belgium and Luxembourg have a dedicated and capable management team that is well-equipped to address the challenges we face and to build on opportunities we have to improve our business."

Mr. Van den Berghe said, "It was a tough decision to leave but I feel this new opportunity is best for me and my family at this point in our lives."

## » Delhaize Group

Delhaize Group is a Belgian international food retailer present in nine countries on three continents. At the end of the first quarter of 2014, Delhaize Group's sales network consisted of 3 520 stores. In 2013, Delhaize Group posted €20.9 billion (\$27.8 billion) in revenues and €179 million (\$237 million) in net profit (Group share). At the end of 2013, Delhaize Group employed approximately 160 000 people. Delhaize Group's stock is listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels (DELB) and the New York Stock Exchange (DEG).

This press release is available in English, French and Dutch. You can also find it on the website <a href="http://www.delhaizegroup.com">http://www.delhaizegroup.com</a>. Questions can be sent to investor@delhaizegroup.com.

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