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PRESS RELEASE

NEWLAT RESOLVES TO ISSUE A BOND OF UP TO € 200 MILLION

The transaction is aimed at financing new potential acquisitions and supporting the Group's external growth project and geographical diversification

Reggio Emilia, 1 February 2021 - The Board of Directors of Newlat Food S.p.A. (the “**Company**”), which met today, resolved to issue an **unrated, unsecured, non-convertible and unsubordinated senior bond loan for a minimum value of € 150 million and a maximum value of € 200 million**, intended both for the general public and institutional investors in Italy and for qualified investors abroad (the “**Bond**”).

The duration of the bond loan is set at **six years from the date of issue**, with a fixed gross interest rate of no less than 2.50% on an annual basis. The Bond will be issued at 100% of the nominal value, with a denomination equal to € 1,000.00, and will be offered for subscription through the **Mercato Telematico delle Obbligazioni (MOT)** organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. The bond loan will be subject to compliance with financial covenants substantially aligned with those provided for in the loan agreements recently signed by the Company.

The Company expects that in the next days it will obtain the authorization to publish the prospectus for the offer and admission to trading of the Bond (the “**Prospectus**”) from the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI), as the competent authority pursuant to the applicable legislation. After obtaining the authorization from the CBI, the Prospectus will be passported in Italy for its offering to the general public, in accordance with the applicable EU regulations.

It is expected that, subject to obtaining the required authorizations and compatibly with market conditions, **the offering of the bond loan will start within the month of February 2021**. The start and end dates of the offering period will be indicated in the Prospectus and communicated by the Company to the public by means of a subsequent press release.

Subject to the necessary approvals, as explained above, it is expected that the bond will be admitted to listing on the Mercato Telematico delle Obbligazioni - MOT organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., with the provision of a dual listing also on the regulated market of the official list of the Irish Stock Exchange – Euronext Dublin.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Angelo Mastrolia, declares that the issue of the bond approved today by the Board of Directors takes into account, on the one hand, the possibility of providing the Company with even more **substantial liquidity to support external growth initiatives**, diversifying its financing sources, and, on the other hand, benefiting from the **support of important institutional investors** who have already repeatedly expressed great interest in supporting the group's projects through investing in bond loans.





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The financial resources deriving from the bond issue will therefore be used to **support the M&A strategy in the food & beverage sector**, both in Italy and abroad, allowing the Company to focus its attention also on potential targets of significant size and able to accelerate the **achievement of the target of € 1 billion consolidated turnover**; a very important milestone to continue creating value for all its stakeholders and, in particular, for its shareholders.

Equita SIM S.p.A. will act as placement agent and specialist in buying the Bond loans.

Further details will be provided as soon as the transaction starts.

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This press release is available on the Company's website www.newlat.it and on the authorized storage mechanism eMarket Storage at the following address www.emarketstorage.com.

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The Newlat Group

The Newlat Group is a relevant multinational, multi-brand and multi-channel player in the Italian and European agri-food sector, having a large portfolio of products and brands well known in Italy and internationally. The Newlat Group holds a consolidated positioning in the Italian and German markets and sale products in more than 60 countries. The Newlat Group is mainly active in the pasta, dairy, bakery and special products sectors, and in particular in the health & wellness, gluten free and baby food sectors.

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