



Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentación, S.A. (“**DIA**” or the “**Company**”), in accordance with Article 227 of the consolidated text of the Securities Market Act and implementing regulations, hereby communicates and discloses the following:

**RELEVANT INFORMATION**

The Board of Directors has approved the appointment by co-optation of Ms. Basola Vallés Cerezuela as independent director of the Company.

Additionally with effect as of 14 January 2020, Mr Michael Casey has resigned from his position as member of the Board of Directors of the Company and, therefore, also as member of the Finance and Capital Structure Committee. The resignation obeys, as reported by him, to his need to meet personal and professional commitments that are difficult to reconcile with the dedication required for the performance of his duties in the Company.

As a result, the Board of Directors of the Company has seven members, with the following composition:

Chairman: Mr. Stephan DuCharme (external proprietary director).

Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Karl-Heinz Holland (executive director).

Members: Mr. Christian Couvreur (independent director).

Mr. Sergio Antonio Ferreira Dias (external proprietary director).

Mr. Jaime García-Legaz Ponce (independent director).

Ms. Basola Vallés Cerezuela (independent director)

Mr. José Wahnnon Levy (independent director).

Press release attached.

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Madrid, 15 January 2020

Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentación, S.A.

Álvaro López-Jorrín  
Secretary of the Board of Directors



## DIA Group appoints Basola Vallés Independent Director

**/ Vallés has extensive experience both in the retail digital sector.**

**/ This appointment further strengthens Independents on the Company's Board.**

**Madrid, January 15, 2020.** The Board of Directors of DIA Group has approved the appointment of Basola Vallés, as an Independent Director. The Board has also approved the departure of Michael Casey as Director. Therefore, the Company's highest governing body will be made up of by seven members, of which four are Independent, two Directors and one Executive Director. Vallés provides strategic perspective from the technological arena thanks to her extensive experience in the digital and retail sector.

*"I want to welcome Basola Vallés and to thank her for wanting to be part of DIA's development. Basola has a great professional career and a technological profile that we are sure will provide us an enriching vision. She has a large experience in the area of agile culture of digital companies. With her appointment, the Board is further strengthened not only with robust experience and seniority, but also in terms of best practice in Corporate Governance by increasing the number of Independent Directors,"* highlighted Stephan DuCharme, Chairman of the Board of Directors of DIA Group.

Vallés has over 25 years' experience working with multinational companies where she has held various positions in firms with a technological profile, retail and focus on customer service. Currently, she is the CEO of [entradas.com](http://entradas.com), a position she has held since 2015. In addition, she is a member of the Advisory Board of ING Spain, Non-Executive director of Aegon Spain and an Advisor for innovation at Prosegur.

*"I would like to thank the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the opportunity and am excited to be part of the change process that the Company will experience. I have been attracted to the professionalism of the management team, the determination to do things right, and the opportunity for a company like DIA to revive its business focusing on the consumer and trust. My commitment to this project will be to contribute to the business with the knowledge acquired over these years, as well as generating ideas from the digital field and detecting new trends in the retail sector",* commented Basola Vallés, Independent Director of DIA Group.

Name	Position in the Board	Type of Director
Stephan DuCharme	Chairman	External Proprietary Director
Karl-Heinz Holland	Chief Executive Officer	Executive Director
Sergio Dias	Member	External Proprietary Director
Christian Couvreur	Member	Independent Director
Jaime García-Legaz Ponce	Member	Independent Director
José Wahnón Levy	Member	Independent Director
Basola Vallés	Member	Independent Director

Click here to see the full [Board of Directors of DIA Group](#).

## **Grupo DIA**

Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentos, DIA, is an international distributor of food and household items that operates in Spain, Portugal, Brazil and Argentina, where it markets its products under 5 different formats. Founded in 1979, it has more than 46,500 employees and 6,000 points of sale.

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