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CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre adviser to Unilever Plc and Unilever Côte d'Ivoire within the scope of the transfer by Unilever Côte d'Ivoire of its palm oil business and the acquisition of new soap activities.

Unilever Côte d'Ivoire entered into an agreement having the purpose, on the one hand, of the simultaneous transfer of its interests in food oil and in the plants of oil palm trees PALMCI and PHCI and on the other hand, the acquisition of the soap business of COSMIVOIRE, a food oil Ivorian and soap producer operating in French-speaking West Africa.

Interests of Unilever Côte d'Ivoire in plants and in food oil will be transferred to SIFCA as to a consortium formed by SIFCA and a joint-venture held with equal representation by two companies located in Singapore, WILMAR International Limited and OLAM International Limited.

WILMAR is the greatest palm oil concern worldwide and OLAM is an integrated supplier of the farm-produce industry provided with numerous businesses solidly established in Africa.

This agreement remains subject to the approval of the local authorities and should become effective as from the end of the year 2008.

Unilever Plc and Unilever Côte d'Ivoire were advised by CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre as to Merger/Acquisition aspects by Pierre MARLY assisted with Bénédicte BONNAFOUS-DELMOTTE (lawyers) and by Olivier BENOIT (partner) and Benoît PHILIPPE (lawyer) in the matter of Regulations.

SIFCA Group was counselled by EMIR and BRUGUIERE Solicitors.

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