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EW Group acquires controlling stake in Specialised Breeders Australia

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Germany's EW Group GmbH and Specialised Breeders Australia (SBA) have reached an agreement for EW Group to acquire a controlling stake in SBA. EW Group is a holding company for the world's leading poultry genetics companies including Hy-Line International, Lohmann Tierzucht, H&N, Aviagen and Hubbard. SBA is the leading supplier of day old chicks and point of lay pullets to Australian egg producers.

Steve Garland, Chief Financial Officer and Acting CEO of SBA, explains "SBA have been the Australian distribution partners for EW Group subsidiaries Hy-Line International and Lohmann Tierzucht for many years, so this acquisition is a strong strategic fit for both organisations. The investment by EW Group will foster even greater cooperation between our local technical team and international breed suppliers, ensuring Australian egg producers receive the most up to date technical advice from abroad combined with our expertise in Australian conditions."

Albert Cordts, Managing Director of EW Group's international layer distribution activities added: "We are excited about SBA becoming part of EW Group, as it is an exceptional operation with a reputation for providing high quality livestock and advice in the Australian market. We are convinced that the participation of our group in SBA will lead to an even closer collaboration with our primary breeding companies to the benefit of the Australian egg producers."

The transaction was completed at the end of October, the terms of the sale will remain private.

About Specialised Breeders Australia

Specialised Breeders Australia (SBA) is the largest supplier of day old chicks and point of lay pullets to the Australian egg industry. Based close to the Victorian city of Bendigo and employing approximately 140 staff, SBA supplies the world's leading layer breeds, Hy-Line® Brown and Lohmann Brown to Australian egg producers.

About EW Group

EW GROUP GmbH, based in Visbek, Germany, is a family-owned holding company with more than 150 subsidiaries in over 45 countries. The core business of the group is animal breeding, animal nutrition and animal health. EW GROUP employs more than 14.000 people worldwide.