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VISCOFAN WILL PRODUCE COLLAGEN CASINGS IN URUGUAY

- **This Project is part of the Be More strategic plan and aims to give a better service for the collagen market development in Latam**
- **With an initial investment of 25 million €, Viscofan Uruguay SA, will build a collagen extrusion plant in the town of Pando, in the department of Canelones.**

Tajonar, May 16, 2012. Viscofan Group, through its 100% fully owned subsidiary, Viscofan Uruguay SA, will establish the first collagen production extrusion center in Latin America.

The new production center will be located in the town of Pando (Canelones department), located 23 kilometers from Montevideo (Uruguay), and the start of operations is planned for the year 2014.

This new facility, together with the collagen converting plant introduced during early 2012 in the facilities of Viscofan in Itu (Brazil), will provide total production of collagen in Latin America for customers in this area; strengthening the Group's leadership and Viscofan's commitment with the development of the Latin American market.

This project, which may include different expansion phases, will have an estimated initial investment of 25 million €, and it will provide to the Viscofan Group a higher capacity to respond to the market growth in this region. The goal of Viscofan is to balance its production capacity to the market demand in the region and achieve, more efficiently, the growth goals in Latin America expected for the mid-term.

Viscofan Group is reinforced as a global production collagen leader by establishing its fifth extrusion centre in a new continent, complementing the collagen production centres of Germany, Spain, Serbia and China.

With this new facility, the Group will have manufacturing footprint in 9 countries: Spain, Germany, Serbia, Czech Republic, China, United States, Mexico, Brazil and Uruguay, a total of 14 facilities that produces cellulose, collagen, fibrous, and plastics casings.

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