



## **Important information for Creditor Livestock Raisers and Suppliers of Independência and Nova Carne – debt repayment begins in March 2010**

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Independência S.A. (“Independência” or “Company”) hereby announces that it is in negotiations to obtain the New Financing envisaged in the Judicial Reorganization Plan and that the priority payments due to the Creditor Livestock Raisers and Suppliers, earlier scheduled for January 31, 2010, will now be effected by March 31, 2010.

This postponement is necessary because, given the delay in the approval of the Judicial Reorganization Plan, the volatile economic scenario in a few regions, the complex nature of the operation itself and the sharp decline in the financial and capital market activities on account of the year-end festivities, the operation cannot be concluded and funds disbursed by January 31, 2010, despite the best efforts by Independência and its advisors.

Independência reaffirms that payments to the Creditor Livestock Raisers and Suppliers remains a priority, especially because it is essential for reestablishing the confidence and fundamental business relations needed for the large-scale resumption of the Independência Group’s operations, and reiterates its firm commitment to honor all the payments specified in the Consolidated Joint Judicial Reorganization Plan as soon as the New Financing is available.

Additionally, the registration of creditors’ accounts has been extended until February 28, 2010.

Creditor livestock raisers and other suppliers should send the following details of the bank account with the same account holder as registered for the payment of invoices.

- Individual or corporate taxpayer’s registration number (CPF or CNPJ)
- Name of creditor (individual or corporate)
- Bank
- Branch
- Checking Account
- Telephone

The information should be sent by e-mail to [financeiro@independencia.com.br](mailto:financeiro@independencia.com.br)

Should payment be made via a different bank account from that registered for payment due to the assignment of credit or the death of the creditor, the creditor, or the representative of same, should send the following documentation to the Company:



• **In cases of assigned credit:** a notarized copy of the Public Credit Assignment Instrument or a notarized copy of the Private Credit Assignment Instrument (with notarized signatures of both assignor and assignee), together with a joint declaration by the assignor and assignee in which the assignor authorizes payment of the credits to the assignee (with notarized signatures of both assignor and assignee).

• **In cases of death of the creditor:** a notarized copy of the creditor's death certificate and a notarized copy of the Estate Administrator's Term of Commitment containing the respective details of the probate process, in order for the deposit of the credits in court.

All the necessary documentation in the case of assigned credit or death of the creditor should be sent to Company's Legal Department at Av. Luiz Alli Fayrdin, 680, Jordanésia, Cajamar/SP, 07760-000. Non-notarized documents and those sent by e-mail will not be accepted, nor will those posted after February 28, 2010. Payment will only be effected via bank accounts other than that of the original creditor if the documentation is proved to be legitimate for that purpose.

Independência is firmly committed to maintaining close business relations with its clients and suppliers as it seeks to adapt its operations to the current economic scenario.

Sincerely,

Fernanda Flauzino  
Internal/External Communication