

COMUNICADO

Jerónimo Martins SGPS, S.A. informa que a sua subsidiária Jerónimo Martins Polska, SA (JMP) foi hoje notificada pela Autoridade Polaca da Concorrência e Protecção do Consumidor (UOKiK) de decisão que lhe aplica uma coima de 723 milhões de zlotys (equivalente a cerca de 160 milhões de euros) pela alegada prática de abuso de poder negocial em relações comerciais com fornecedores, designadamente de frutas e vegetais.

Por entender que a decisão do UOKiK carece em absoluto de fundamento de facto e de direito, JMP irá impugnar judicialmente a decisão em causa, convicta da razão que lhe assiste.

Anexo: Comunicado de imprensa de JMP (versão inglesa)

Lisboa, 14 de Dezembro de 2020

ANEXO

**Jerónimo
Martins**



Warsaw, 14.12.2020

Biedronka statement on the decision of the President of OCCP (UOKiK)

Jerónimo Martins Polska (Biedronka) does not accept the decision and fine from UOKiK as it is biased, lacks both legal and factual grounds and is therefore unfair and undeserved. Moreover, UOKiK has reached such decision without observing due process of law and without even listening to the suppliers at stake. The biggest number of suppliers identified in the case are processed food suppliers. Contrarily to what UOKiK has announced, fruits and vegetables suppliers are represented in a very small number and those represented are mainly traders and importers. UOKiK's decision shows misunderstanding of the nature of business operations and of the dynamics of the inherent negotiations. The particular discount publicly mentioned by UOKiK is in fact agreed upfront between parties and applied to the turnover of the defined period.

Negotiations with Biedronka are always transparent and fair, driven by the goal of building long-term relationships that are essential for the sustainability of Biedronka's supply chain. Contrarily to what UOKiK has announced, this collective effort of negotiations aims at benefitting consumers as it has allowed Biedronka, together with its partners, to offer the best value proposition and the lowest prices in the Polish market for the last 25 years.

Biedronka deeply regrets that this unfair decision and the aggressiveness of the form and substance of its announcement come in a time of particularly challenging circumstances when Biedronka is at the frontline of supporting consumers in the shared effort of fighting against the pandemic, contributing also to reinforce Polish economy.

In the light of this, we will dispute this decision in court with all our strength, arguments and commitment. We have confidence that the Polish courts will address this case with objectivity and impartiality and that justice will be made.

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