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### Disclosure concerning a transparency notification

(article 14, para. 1, of the law of 2 May 2007 on disclosure of major holdings)

#### 1. Summary of the notification

What's Cooking Group nv has received a transparency notification dated 2 March 2026, revealing that as a result of the conclusion or amendment of an agreement to act in concert between Malaga Investment SCSp (a company indirectly controlled by the Coopman family and Eddy Van der Pluym) and several family shareholders of What's Cooking Group NV, the 65% shareholding threshold was exceeded.

#### 2. Content of the notification

The notification dated 2 March 2026 contains the following information:

- REASON FOR THE NOTIFICATION  
Conclusion or amendment of an agreement to act in concert – crossing of a notification threshold by persons acting in concert.
- NOTIFICATION BY  
A parent undertaking or controlling person – persons acting in concert
- PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Name	Adres (for legal entities)
<b>Stichting Coopman</b>	Hoogoorddreef 15, 1101 BA Amsterdam, Nederland
<b>Famcoo Invest BV</b>	Kere 103, 9950 Lievegem, België
<b>Mr. Eddy Van der Pluym</b>	
<b>European Food Investment Company (EFIC) S.à r.l.</b>	Boulevard F.W. Raiffeisen 28, 2411 Luxemburg, Groothertogdom Luxemburg
<b>Malaga S.à r.l.</b>	68, Rue Marie-Adélaïde, L-2128 Luxemburg, Groothertogdom Luxemburg
<b>MALAGA INVESTMENT SCSp</b>	68, Rue Marie-Adélaïde, L-2128 Luxemburg, Groothertogdom Luxemburg
<b>Stichting Administratiekantoor COOVAN</b>	Basisweg 10, 1043AP Amsterdam, Nederland
<b>Ms. Annik van de Mierop</b>	
<b>Mr. Johan Pauwels</b>	



<b>Ms. Hilde Coopman</b>	
<b>Ms. Lieve De Blende</b>	
<b>Ms. Dominique Coopman</b>	
<b>HOLBIGENETICS NV</b>	Leest 81, 9950 Lievegem, België
<b>Mr. Frank Coopman</b>	

- DATE OF THRESHOLD CROSSING  
February, 26 2026
- THRESHOLD CROSSED (IN %)  
65
- DENOMINATOR  
1.856.810
- DETAILS OF THE NOTIFICATION

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# voting rights		% voting rights	
Holders of the voting rights	# voting rights	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities
<b>Stichting Coopman</b>	0	0		0,00%	
<b>Famcoo Invest BV</b>		21.422		1,15%	
<b>dhr Eddy Van der Pluym</b>		0		0,00%	
<b>European Food Investment Company (EFIC) S.à r.l.</b>		11.626		0,63%	
<b>Stichting Administratiekantoor COOVAN</b>	1.130.620	1.230.022		66,27%	
<b>Malaga S.à r.l.</b>		0		0,00%	
<b>MALAGA INVESTMENT SCSp</b>		0		0,00%	
<b>Subtotaal</b>	1.130.620	1.263.070		68,05%	
<b>Mr. Frank Coopman</b>		0		0,00%	



<b>HOLBIGENETICS NV</b>		1.500		0,08%	
<b>Subtotaal</b>		1.500		0,08%	
<b>Ms. Hilde Coopman</b>		2.168		0,12%	
<b>Mr. Johan Pauwels</b>		200		0,01%	
<b>Ms. Lieve De Blende</b>		1.055		0,06%	
<b>Ms. Dominique Coopman</b>		7.290		0,39%	
<b>Ms. Annik van de Mierop</b>		20		0,00%	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.275.303</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68,71%</b>	<b>0,00%</b>

- FULL CHAIN OF CONTROLLED UNDERTAKINGS THROUGH WHICH THE HOLDING IS EFFECTIVELY HELD

Stichting Administratiekantoor Coovan is jointly controlled by Famcoo Invest BV and European Food Investment Company (EFIC) S.à r.l.

Famcoo Invest BV is controlled by Stichting Coopman. Stichting Coopman is not controlled.

European Food Investment Company (EFIC) S.à r.l. is controlled by Mr Eddy Van der Pluym.

Famcoo Invest BV and European Food Investment Company (EFIC) S.à r.l. jointly control Malaga S.à r.l., which in turn is controlled by MALAGA INVESTMENT SCSp controleert.

- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This transparency notification is made following the conclusion, on 26 February 2026, of an agreement to act in concert between Malaga Investment SCSp (a company indirectly controlled by the Coopman family and Eddy Van der Pluym) and several family shareholders of What's Cooking Group NV, in the context of the voluntary and conditional public takeover bid that Malaga Investment SCSp intends to launch for the shares of What's Cooking Group NV that are not yet held by Malaga Investment SCSp or by persons affiliated with it. Each of the family shareholders has an individual historical (family) link with What's Cooking Group and Malaga Investment SCSp. For the sake of clarity, the acting-in-concert arrangement exists solely between Malaga Investment SCSp and each family shareholder individually; there is no acting in concert between the family shareholders themselves.

### 3. Varia

This press release can be consulted on the website of What's Cooking Group NV:

<https://whatscooking.group/en/press-releases-and-publications>



The transparency notification can be consulted on the website of What's Cooking Group Nv: [Shareholder information | What's Cooking](#)

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### About What's Cooking Group

*What's Cooking? is a European savoury fresh food group headquartered in Belgium which commercialises in Europe and beyond a wide range of high-quality and innovative ready meal products (also known from Come a casa®), as well as related professional food services. "Day by day, we make sustainable food second nature by increasing the world's appetite for tasty, convenient meals, crafted with care both for the people and the planet". Our customers and consumers are always on our hungry minds when preparing our food products, as is the well-being of our employees from our headquarter, 6 industrial sites in Belgium, France, Poland, and the UK, and 5 sales offices. What's Cooking Group is listed on Euronext Brussels since 1986 (ticker: WHATS).*

More info on What's Cooking? can be found at [www.whatscooking.group](http://www.whatscooking.group)

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