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## **Danisco Sugar to consolidate production in Lithuania**

*In order to improve competitiveness, Danisco Sugar is planning to consolidate sugar production in Lithuania at one factory.*

Today, Danisco Sugar produces sugar at two factories in Lithuania – in Kedainiai and Panevezys. With a view to optimising the platform further, concentrating production in Kedainiai will be the most expedient solution. Only moderate investments will be required to obtain the capacity needed to produce the expected future quota volume at that factory.

The consolidation also reflects Danisco Sugar's plans to sell part of its EU quota as announced in September following the latest amendment of the EU sugar reform. Danisco Sugar will now start consultations with employees and beet growers on a renunciation of 13.5% of Danisco Sugar's Lithuanian sugar quota and discontinuation of the factory in Panevezys after the 2007 campaign.

Around 200 employees will be affected by the planned factory closure. As in the case of previous factory closures, Danisco Sugar will be working closely with employee representatives to offer a wide range of support measures for the affected employees.

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With 9.700 employees in more than 40 countries, Danisco is one of the world's leading suppliers of food ingredients, sugar and industrial bioproducts. Based on our technology platform we use nature's own raw materials and resources to develop and produce ingredients for food and other products used in everyday life. Danisco ingredients are used in about every second ice cream and cheese, every third box of detergent and every fourth loaf of bread produced by industries worldwide. Danisco ingredients based on food technology and biotechnology are also used in other consumer products - from feed and toothpaste to plastics and biofuel. Throughout the value chain, sustainability is integrated in Danisco's way of doing business.