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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

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### **SUGAR: EUROPEAN SUGAR BEET GROWERS REITERATE THEIR REQUEST TO EXPORT SUGAR NOW**

Sugar world market prices are soaring, reaching new heights. Today, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2009, the price for white sugar is reaching a record high (\$723/t, i.e. €502/t), well above the European sugar price (European reference price €404.4/t).

The world market is crying out for sugar. European sugar beet growers consider it inexplicable that the sector is not allowed to obtain export licences and export more sugar now.

At this price level, European sugar exports could by no means be considered as subsidised. Therefore European sugar beet growers reiterate the urgent request already made on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 - an immediate provision to export above the WTO ceiling of 1.374 million tonnes.