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DELHAIZE GROUP SA

Report of the Statutory Auditor
for the year ended
31 December 2004

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DELHAIZE BROTHERS AND CO « THE LION » (DELHAIZE GROUP) SA

**REPORT OF THE STATUTORY AUDITOR ON THE STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 TO THE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING**

To the Shareholders

As required by law and the articles of association, we have the honour to report to you on the conduct of the audit which you have confided to us.

We have audited the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004, which have been prepared under the responsibility of the Board of Directors and which show total assets of 4,973,244,165 EUR and an income statement resulting in a profit for the year of 91,700,544 EUR. In addition, as required by the Company Law, we have performed specific additional procedures.

Unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the "Institut des Reviseurs d'Entreprises/Instituut der Bedrijfsrevisoren". Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement taking into account the legal and statutory requirements applicable to financial statements in Belgium.

In accordance with these standards we have taken into account the administrative and accounting organization of your company as well as its procedures of internal control. The responsible officers of the company have replied clearly to all our requests for information and explanations. We have examined, on a test basis, the evidence supporting the amounts included in the financial statements. We have assessed the accounting policies used, the significant estimates made by the company and the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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In our opinion, taking into account the applicable legal and regulatory requirements, the financial statements give a fair and true view of the company's assets, liabilities, financial position as of 31 December 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, and the information given in the notes to the financial statements is adequate.

Additional certifications

We supplement our report with the following certifications which do not modify our audit opinion on the financial statements:

- The report of the Board of Directors contains the information required by the Company Law and is consistent with the financial statements.
- Without prejudice to certain formal aspects of minor importance, the accounting records are maintained and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the legal and statutory requirements applicable in Belgium.
- No transactions have been undertaken or decisions taken in violation of the company's articles of association or the Company Law which we would have to report to you. The appropriation of the results proposed to the General Meeting is in accordance with legal and statutory requirements.

9 March 2005

The Statutory Auditor

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