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## PRESS RELEASE

### ***The Food Bank and Tradebe together with a zero waste objective***

**Barcelona, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.** Tradebe and the Banc dels Aliments have set themselves the objective of minimising food wastage by signing a mutual collaboration agreement and joining forces to achieve this goal.

Unsalable and inedible food is food which is unfit for human consumption and cannot be sold. Examples are pulses which have gone rotten after being kept in damp conditions or products which for various reasons have had a break in the cold chain, etc.

This agreement is intended to provide a socially responsible destination for unsalable and inedible food, giving it a second, useful life and returning some of it to the Banc dels Aliments in the form of raw material. This food is removed from the food chain and is then used to produce organic compost.

The compost obtained from recycling this inedible food will be used to fertilise fields to produce primary materials such as flour. A proportion of these crops will be handed over to the Banc dels Aliments for them to manage distribution.

The Banc dels Aliments and Tradebe invite other companies to join in their solidarity initiative in the fight against food wastage. The Fundació Banc dels Aliments is a private, independent not-for-profit charitable foundation whose objective is to fight against hunger in the country, to stop edible but unsalable food being destroyed and, finally, to make sure it reaches the neediest people in our society.

#### **Fundació Banc dels Aliments (Foundation Food Bank)**

*Fundació Banc dels Aliments is a private, independent and non-profit charitable foundation, which aims to fight hunger here, prevent consumable but unmarketable food be destroyed and eventually make them reach those most in need of our immediate environment.*

#### **TRADEBE**

*TRADEBE is a leading company in industrial waste management services in Europe (UK, and Spain) and in the US, with subsidiaries in France and Brazil.*

*TRADEBE, employing in excess of 2,130 people world-wide, operates 72 treatment facilities across Spain (25), United Kingdom (27), United States (17), France (2) and Brazil (1).*

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