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Shareholders are advised that a reasonable degree of certainty exists that Astral Foods` earnings and headline earnings per share for the six months ended 31 March 2012 will both reflect a decrease of between 16% and 19% compared to the previous comparable period.

The decrease in earnings is mainly due to increases in feed and other input costs not all recovered in selling prices. The decrease now includes a provision for a proposed settlement, still to be reached with the Competition Commission and subsequent ratification by the Competition Tribunal, on various matters currently under investigation. Further details pertaining to this provision should be available when Astral Foods reports on its results on Monday 14 May 2012.

The financial information on which this trading statement is based has not been reviewed and reported on by Astral Foods` auditors.

It is expected that the results for the six months to 31 March 2012 will be published on SENS on 14 May 2012.

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