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Gradus AD announces a proposal of the Board of managers for implementation of a large-scale investment program in all segments in which the company operates.

The goals: modernization of the equipment in meat production, updating and purchase of new farm management systems and their centralization, increasing the energy efficiency of the building stock, optimization solutions to reduce heating and cooling costs and gasification of all bases.

Budgeting procedures and negotiations with equipment suppliers are in various phases. The total value is expected to exceed BGN 29 million. Together with the usual amount of supporting investments of the Group, this represents a minimum 3-year investment budget of BGN 30-50 million.

Considering the dynamics of interest rates worldwide and the realized in 2022 loss from overstocking with grains, transferred in 2023, the Board of managers of GRADUS AD recommends that the financing of the above-mentioned investments be realized in stages and with own funds.

The Board of managers considers it appropriate not to distribute an interim dividend in 2024, as well as not to distribute dividends to the shareholders until the completion of the implementation of the presented investment program or at least until the end of the financial year 2026. The proposal will support the future stabilization and efficiency of production processes in the group and will reflect positively on the long-term prospects of Gradus AD and the benefits for the company's shareholders.

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