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# BENEOÂ Increases its Ingredient Solutions for Sugar Reduction

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BENEO, one of the leading manufacturers of functional ingredients, has announced the expansion of its portfolio with the launch of Beneo-scL85, a short-chain fructooligosaccharide (scFOS). The new variant offers customers greater versatility for sugar replacement and enrichment of foods with dietary fibre.

Sugar reduction has grown to become an important area of focus for consumers with new figures showing that globally, more than 1 in 2 consumers (57%) state that â??low in sugarâ• claims influence their purchasing decisions.[i] Through the addition of scFOS to its portfolio, BENEO opens the door for more customers to serve this trend through new product development or re-formulation. Expanding the range of ingredients with Beneo-scL85 means that manufacturers have more variety and increased potential to offer products with less sugar to meet the high demand.

scFOS is a fibre derived from beet sugar that offers a mild sweet taste, good solubility and natural credentials that can contribute to improved taste and texture, as well as possibilities for bulking, in applications such as bakery, dairy, and cereals. Produced in Germany in a dedicated production facility, the new ingredient is available for BENEOâ??s customers globally to buy now as a syrup.

Using scFOS means replacing sugar while adding dietary fibre. This in turn improves the nutritional profile of a product, allowing manufacturers to achieve a better score for front-of-pack nutrition labelling systems worldwide, e.g. NutriScore in Europe.

Eric Neven, Commercial Managing Director for BENEOâ??s Functional Fibres comments: â??Short-chain fructooligosaccharide from beet sugar is a valuable addition to BENEOâ??s portfolio because it increases flexibility and

availability for our customers. In combination with the increased production capacity of our chicory root fibre production plant in Chile, BENEOâ??s short-chain fructoligosaccharide will further secure supply to meet the high demand for solutions to reduce sugar.â?•