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The two companies started to collaborate in 2011. Under the terms of the new agreement, IFF will expand commercialization of the product and Evolva will be responsible to further develop vanillin. Evolva will receive payments for the product manufactured and sold, contributing to reach cash break-even by 2023.

“We regard the agreement with Evolva as an example of our continued commitment to support the increasing consumer attention to health and the environment” said Matthias Haeni, Divisional CEO, Taste, for IFF.

Evolva has significantly invested in the capability to develop and optimize its ingredients and shorten time to commercial-scale production.

“We are pleased to continue to provide technology services to IFF. Partners can count on our high-quality, tailored services, and extensive experience in this area” said Oliver Walker, Evolva’s CEO.

Vanilla is a complex blend of flavor and fragrance ingredients extracted from the seed pods of the vanilla orchid. The most important ingredient in this blend is vanillin. However, because of bottlenecks in nature, most products that want to impart the aroma of vanilla do not in fact use vanilla but rather synthetic vanillin (85% of all vanillin consumed worldwide) made primarily from petrochemicals or chemically derived from lignin.

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