The main activity of Maribo is production of sugar beet seeds. Furthermore Maribo is the biotechnology research centre for the Danisco Group.

* The packaging sector consists of two companies: Danish Paper Packaging involved in paper based packaging, and Raackmann involved in plast based packaging.

* The fourth sector is Technology and Machinery with Niro A/S as a leading supplier of processing equipment for the food industry worldwide.

5. History

Danisco A/S is a 3 year old merger among the following well established Danish companies now with the status as business units in the Group: Danish Sugar Factories, Danish Distillers and Grindsted Products.

6. Biotechnology activities

Research & Development:

The biotechnology research in Danisco is concentrated in the business unit Maribo. The focus of R&D is on plant biotechnology, in particular sugar beets and rape seed, with the purpose of development of new varieties and food ingredients. Also yeast is a research area of special attention.

Manufacturing:

Danisco is a world leader in sugar refining.

7. Affiliations

The Danisco A/S group consists of 145 companies in 25 countries worldwide including the following Canadian affiliates

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8. Desired alliance with other biotechnology firms

The Danisco Group offers cooperation in the fields represented by the individual business units: foods and beverages, food ingredients, packaging and food technology and processing. The business units within the Danisco Group are responsible for potential alliances, cooperations etc.