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“BERNER FOOD & BEVERAGE SHARES MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PLANT EXPANSION AND STRATEGIC GROWTH UPDATE”

Dakota, Illinois – (November 2016) - Bernier Food and Beverage LLC, a leading private label and contract manufacturing supplier of quality food and beverage products, shared an update on the progress of their plant expansion in Dakota, Illinois. The state-of-the-art processing center is scheduled to be fully operational by the second quarter of 2017.

Kurt Seagrist, Chief Executive Officer, Bernier Food and Beverage LLC said, “This is a very exciting time for Bernier Foods. This plant expansion is going to triple our footprint and allow us to better serve our customer partners and all of their private label and contract manufacturing needs. The improvements we have been making are driven by the new strategic direction underway since our acquisition by Peak Rock Capital. Bernier has always been a family-owned company supplying the industry with quality products. Now, as we invest in the company’s solid foundation and continue to expand our facilities and build out our operations, our customers will have state-of-the-art processing capabilities available to deliver more and even better-tasting beverages, dips and sauces. We are also working with our team to offer new and improved quality standards and service support teams that will exceed customer expectations.”

Todd Mullane, Vice President of Sales, Bernier Food and Beverage LLC said, “These changes are really a win-win for Bernier, our customers, our employees and the industry. We will focus sales efforts around some of the latest private label trends that we are seeing, as well as recent co-manufacturing opportunities resulting from consolidation of some of the top food companies in our industry and in the marketplace. We are excited to share our expanded and improved coffee and latte beverage capabilities with our customers. These new capabilities in this expanding category promise to be exciting opportunities for their sales channel.”

Bnier anticipates that this strategic growth will allow them to bring up to an additional 200 jobs to the area. They plan to share updates on further expansion and capabilities in the coming months.

For more information on Bernier Food and Beverage, please visit www.bernerfoods.com.

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About Berner Food & Beverage

Berner Food and Beverage, Inc. is a leading private label supplier of quality food and beverage products, to a majority of the top retail chains across all trade channels. They provide a single source of supply for both Store Brand products and Contract Manufacturing. For over 72 years, the family-owned and operated company has built a reputation for excellence in crafting premium products. Their corporate-wide commitment to the private label industry has earned them the recognition of being the leading U.S. producer of private label Aerosol Cheese, Jar Cheese, retort Salsa Con Queso and shelf stable dips, retort Alfredo sauces, retort Iced Latte and Coffee Energy beverages. Berner facilities are USDA approved, SQF2000 Level 3, HACCP certified, and meet the demanding standards of virtually every major retailer in North America. At Berner, we give you the ability to “make it yours.”

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