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H. J. BAKER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SAFE FEED/SAFE FOOD CERTIFICATION

After thorough review process Fort Smith, Arkansas poultry feed ingredient manufacturing facility earns Safe Feed/Safe Food approval

WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT USA – (December 10, 2012) – H. J. Baker today announced their poultry feed additive facility in Fort Smith, Arkansas has earned the prestigious Safe Feed/Safe Food certification.

Mark Hohnbaum, President of H.J. Baker's Feed Products Group said: "We are very pleased to receive this certification! We are committed to delivering the best product possible. It is important our customers know that we don't just meet FDA guidelines – we exceed them and this certification demonstrates that commitment."

The Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program is a voluntary, third-party-certified initiative designed for feed mills and feed ingredient-related facilities in the United States, Mexico and Canada. The program establishes comprehensive standards of excellence that go beyond existing regulations to show leadership and maximize food and feed safety. The Safe Feed/Safe Food program is administered by the American Feed Industry Association.

Joel G. Newman, AFIA president and chief executive officer, said, "H.J. Baker should be commended for showing leadership in this important program. The employees have gone the extra mile to demonstrate a strong commitment to food safety and offer reasons to their customers and consumers for increased confidence in the products they provide. The companies participating in Safe Feed/Safe Food are making outstanding efforts."

H. J. Baker's Fort Smith facility manufactures feed ingredients for poultry including industry leading PRO-PAK® Protein Concentrate and H.J. Baker's PRO-PLUS™ Animal Protein Concentrate.

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About H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc.:

H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc. is a name synonymous with quality for more than 160 years. With more than 20 locations throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, H.J. Baker has been mobilizing resources and providing outstanding products and services to the agriculture industry throughout the world. The company's strategically located processing plants, offices and warehouses create a super-efficient pipeline for the vital commodities and products that it sources, manufactures and markets. H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc. is headquartered in Westport, Connecticut USA.

For more information on Safe Feed/Safe Food, visit their website at:

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