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## INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE FIRM H. J. BAKER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS “SAFE FEED/SAFE FOOD” CERTIFICATION FOR POULTRY FACILITIES

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**After thorough review process three H.J. Baker poultry feed ingredient manufacturing facility earns “Safe Feed/Safe Food” approval**

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WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT USA – (May 28, 2013) – International agriculture firm H. J. Baker, today announced their poultry feed additive facilities in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Sanford, North Carolina and Westville, Oklahoma have 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 have worked hard to ensure each of our poultry feed ingredient manufacturing facilities meets the rigorous standards set by the “Safe Feed/Safe Food” program. H.J. Baker is 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 (AFIA).

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.”

AFIA’s Safe Feed/Safe Certification Program is open to livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, ingredient suppliers, integrated producers, meat processors, feed purchasers, livestock producers, renderers and others who want to validate a commitment to food safety through pro-active leadership. It signifies that qualifying companies have embraced the feed industry’s role in creating feed-based safety programs; they are doing their part to reduce food safety risks; they are participating in



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an approved risk-management program; and they are aggressively practicing risk reduction.

H.J. Baker's Fort Smith, Sanford and Westville facilities manufacture feed ingredients for poultry including industry leading PRO-PAK® Protein Concentrate and H.J. Baker's PRO-PLUS™ Animal Protein Concentrate.

Now celebrating its Centennial year, the AFIA, based in Arlington, Va., is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. The AFIA is also the recognized leader on international industry developments. Members include more than 500 domestic and international companies and state, regional and national associations. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

The feed industry makes a major contribution to food safety, nutrition and the environment, and it plays a critical role in the production of healthy, wholesome meat, milk, fish and eggs. More than 75 percent of the commercial feed in the United States is manufactured by AFIA members.

## 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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