



DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC. ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF RENDERING AND GREASE COLLECTION BUSINESS

[January 4, 2010] – IRVING, TEXAS – Darling International Inc. (NYSE: DAR) today announced that it has completed its acquisition of certain rendering, grease collection and trap servicing business from Sanimax USA Inc. The acquisition includes all of Sanimax’s rendering, grease collection and trap servicing business in the States of Indiana and Ohio, including facilities located in Kendallville, Indiana and Cleveland, Ohio. In addition, Darling acquired certain of Sanimax’s collection routes in the States of Pennsylvania and Michigan. Darling International Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Randall Stuewe said, “We are pleased to have the opportunity to add these businesses to our portfolio. The addition of these processing locations and routes will help us fill out our national footprint and better serve our customers.”

Darling International Inc. is the largest publicly traded, food processing by-products recycling company in the United States. The Company recycles used restaurant cooking oil and by-products from the beef, pork and poultry processing industries into useable products such as tallow, feed-grade fats, meat and bone meal and hides. These products are primarily sold to agricultural, leather, oleo-chemical and bio-diesel manufacturers around the world. In addition, the Company provides grease trap collection services and sells equipment to restaurants.

For additional information, visit the Company’s web site at <http://www.darlingii.com>.

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