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Midwest Agri-Commodities Announces Factory Addition

SAN RAFAEL, CA. –October 15, 2004 – Midwest Agri-Commodities announced today that as a result of the recent acquisition of Monitor Sugar, in Bay City Michigan by the Michigan Sugar Company, of Saginaw, Michigan, Midwest Agri will now market sugar co-products from the Bay City plant. The merger has created the third largest sugar beet co-operative in the nation, employing 500 full-time and 1,850 seasonal workers.

Midwest Agri-Commodities globally markets over 1.5 million tons of beet pulp, beet molasses and desugared beet molasses produced at 13 plants in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Michigan, to the livestock, dairy, pet food and poultry industries. With the addition of the Bay City plant, this marketing volume is expected to increase to 1.6 million tons.

“We believe this merger provides the Grower- Owners in Michigan the opportunity for long term stability in the production of sugar and co-products and will also offer our customers that same stability and reliability,” said Chuck Hufford, President of Midwest Agri-Commodities.

Founded in 1979, Midwest Agri-Commodities is owned by American Crystal Sugar Company, Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative, Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative, and Michigan Sugar Company. Additional information can be obtained at www.mwagri.com.

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