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GOLDEN HERITAGE FOODS RECEIVES SQF 2000 LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATION

HILLSBORO, KS, AUGUST 19, 2009: Golden Heritage Foods, LLC (GHF), a family owned company and one of the largest U.S. honey providers, has been named a Safe Quality Food (SQF) 2000 Level 3 Certified Supplier by the SQF Institute, a division of the Food Marketing Institute (FMI), for all of its processing facilities. GHF is to date, the first and only U.S. honey supplier to achieve this level of distinguished SQF certification. "Golden Heritage Foods has maintained both GMP and HACCP certifications for many years but achieving SQF Level 3 puts GHF in an exclusive group, which only 3 honey companies worldwide have achieved to date," said Eric Wenger, Director of Quality Services for GHF.

To earn this most rigorous level of certification, a food supplier must not only maintain standard good manufacturing practices (GMPs) and develop and follow a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) program, they also must develop and maintain a quality and safety management system that provides continuous control of food safety and quality aspects of their business.

The SQF Codes are divided into three certification levels.

- **Level 1: Food Safety Fundamentals** – Comparable to existing food safety audit certifications by AIB and Silliker.
- **Level 2: Certified HACCP Food Safety Plans** – This should be the minimal level of safety for any food supplier.
- **Level 3: Comprehensive Quality Management Systems Development** – Level 1 and Level 2 are prerequisites to achieving SQF level 3. The supplier is required to complete and document a food quality assessment of the product and its associated process to identify the controls needed to ensure a consistent level of quality.

CEO Doug Weinbrenner said that their achievement of SQF Level 3 Certification is in keeping with one of Golden Heritage Foods' core values "to provide product and service solutions for quality minded customers."

GHF processes and sells millions of pounds of honey under various private brand names nationwide, as well as its own Busy Bee brand, through its two state of the art plant facilities located in Hillsboro, KS (corporate office) and Van Wert, OH.

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