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Mariani Nut Company Meets Global Food Safety Standards and Earns Highly Regarded Certification

Company Receives “A” Rating from British Retail Consortium (BRC)

WINTERS, Calif., Oct. 8, 2013 --- The Mariani Nut Company has successfully completed a comprehensive food safety audit that has earned the company the prized British Retail Consortium (BRC) certificate. The certification arrived with an “A” rating.

The BRC food safety program has become the global standard for technical protocol for food suppliers and is being increasingly requested by retailers and manufacturers worldwide.

Mariani Nut Company was evaluated on all levels from receiving and processing to packaging in seven categories, many overlapping to create redundancy in the oversight. The areas included senior management commitment and continual improvement, a food safety plan including HACCP standards, food safety and quality management, site standards, product control, process control and personnel.

Mariani has always carried out a program of continually reinvesting in processing equipment and facilities and providing employee training. However, this recent exercise involved hundreds of additional employee hours and an increased level of commitment to pass this rigorous audit to assure customers of the integrity of products supplied by Mariani.

“Everyone at Mariani Nut has always had a strong commitment to the safety and quality of our products. This is another step to reassure our customers that we are unwavering in wanting to meet the highest standards by choosing to undergo a BRC audit,” says Gus Mariani, director of operations.

Mariani continues, “An important part of this food safety program is that company resources and personnel will work year-round to maintain these standards and renew this certification annually.”

About Mariani Nut Company

Mariani Nut Company is a family-owned grower and supplier of premium almonds and walnuts from California. Established in 1972, the company supplies major retail chains, foodservice companies and industrial customers such as confectionary, cereal and ice cream makers with nuts from Mariani-owned orchards and from other growers. Mariani nuts are distributed throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. For more information, go to www.marianinut.com.

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