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SugarCreek's Cambridge City, Indiana Facility Named *Food Engineering* 2016 Plant of the Year

CCI plant recognized for innovative engineering and technology in food manufacturing

CAMBRIDGE CITY, INDIANA – SugarCreek, the largest independent processor of bacon in the United States, announced today that its new facility in Cambridge City, Indiana has been named the 2016 Plant of the Year by *Food Engineering* magazine.

The Cambridge City plant (CCI) will be featured in *Food Engineering*'s April issue and the company will be formally recognized at the Food Automation & Manufacturing Conference and Expo 2016, held April 10-13 in Fort Myers, Florida.

"SugarCreek's facility in Cambridge City, Indiana incorporates many attributes of a food manufacturing plant at the forefront of technology, not only with its unique product offerings, but with its high level of automation, food safety systems and employee engagement programs, plus its emphasis on sustainability," said Joyce Fassl, Editor in Chief for *Food Engineering*.

Food Engineering judges on the following criteria:

- The plant's contribution to the company's long-term business plans and strategies
- The level of innovation in processing and packaging line design
- Building and site innovations
- Productive integration of workers into overall plan.

The 418,000-square-foot CCI facility, which was designed and constructed by <u>ONESource</u>, opened in 2015 and features the largest sous vide line in the nation. Food safety drove all design decisions, separating product and employees by raw, cooking and packaging halls.

"This recognition is about more than just the technology at CCI, it's about the people who work hard every day to ensure the safety and quality of our products," said John Richardson, Chairman and CEO of SugarCreek. "Whether it's bacon, meatballs or the latest sous vide product, we work hard to deliver innovative and brandworthy food solutions to our customers."

2016 has already been a banner year for SugarCreek. The company is celebrating its 50th anniversary and was recognized by *Refrigerated & Frozen Foods* in January as the Refrigerated Foods Processor of the Year.

Previous winners of the *Food Engineering* Plant of the Year include legendary food companies such as Campbell Soup, Frito-Lay, General Mills and Anheuser-Busch.

About SugarCreek



<u>SugarCreek</u> is an innovative, diversified and flexible food manufacturer helping some of the industry's largest and best-known companies develop brandworthy food solutions. SugarCreek's authentic culinary expertise helps drive innovation, and our in-house expertise in everything from food trends and marketing to packaging and logistics makes the company an ideal partner for new product development – including bringing scale to sous vide. SugarCreek employs 1,700 people in six manufacturing facilities, and serves clients across the U.S. and internationally.

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