

# **DEL MONTE PACIFIC LIMITED**

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## **UPDATE ON ENDOSULFAN CARGO RETRIEVAL**

Del Monte Pacific Limited ("DMPL" or together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") wishes to announce that as of Sunday, 5 October 2008, the Endosulfan cargo on board the ill-fated vessel, Princess of the Stars, which capsized on 21 June 2008 in the Philippines, had been fully retrieved intact. The results of water tests conducted showed no leakage of the cargo and thus, no adverse impact to the surrounding marine environment. Please refer to earlier announcements on this matter dated 27 June, 30 June and 9 July 2008 – "Clarification on Press Reports".

DMPL's subsidiary, Del Monte Philippines Inc., is working with the government task force on the proper disposal of the cargo.

The Group has also taken the initiative to discontinue the use of Endosulfan in its pineapple operations and will continue to work closely with relevant government agencies in doing whatever may be necessary on this matter.

## About Del Monte Pacific Limited

# www.delmontepacific.com

Listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange, Del Monte Pacific Limited (Bloomberg: DELM SP/ Reuters: DMPL.SI) is a group of companies that cater to today's consumer needs for premium quality, healthy fruit and vegetable-based products. It innovates, produces, markets and distributes its products worldwide.

In the Philippines where the Group owns the Del Monte brand, it enjoys leading market shares for canned pineapple juice and juice drinks, canned pineapple and tropical mixed fruits, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce and tomato ketchup, and also markets products under its second-tier brand, Today's.

Del Monte Pacific also holds the exclusive rights to produce and distribute food and beverage products under the Del Monte brand in the Indian sub-continent.

The Group also owns 40.1% of Bharti Del Monte India Private Limited (previously FieldFresh Foods Private Limited) (www.fieldfresh.in). Bharti Del Monte India markets Del Monte-branded processed products in the domestic market and Fieldfresh-branded fresh fruits and vegetables globally and in the domestic market. Del Monte Pacific's partners in Bharti Del Monte India are the well-respected Bharti Enterprises and EL Rothschild Limited.

Del Monte Pacific owns the S&W brand (www.swfinefoods.com) for all markets except the Americas, Australia and New Zealand. The S&W brand originated in the USA in 1896 as a producer and marketer of premium quality processed fruit and vegetable product.

With its 20,000-hectare contiguous pineapple plantation in the Philippines, 700,000-ton processing capacity and a port beside the Cannery, Del Monte Pacific operates the world's largest fully-integrated pineapple operation. It is proud of its long heritage of more than 80 years of pineapple growing and processing. It has long-term supply agreements with other Del Monte trademark owners and licensees around the world.

Del Monte Pacific and its subsidiaries are not affiliated with other Del Monte companies in the world, namely, Del Monte Foods Co. (USA), Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. (USA), Del Monte Asia Pte. Ltd. and these companies' parent or subsidiaries.

Del Monte Pacific is 78.5%-owned by NutriAsia Pacific Ltd (NPL). NPL is owned by the NutriAsia Group of Companies which is in turn majority-owned by the Campos family of the Philippines. The NutriAsia Group is the market leader in the liquid condiments, specialty sauces and cooking oil market in the Philippines. Its flagship brand, UFC, has an 85% market share in the local ketchup and hot chili sauce categories.

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