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DARLING INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF GREASE TRAP SERVICES BUSINESS

February 24, 2009 – IRVING, TEXAS – Darling International Inc. (NYSE: DAR) today announced that it has completed its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Boca Industries. Boca Industries, headquartered in Smyrna, Georgia, is a leading provider of grease trap services to restaurants and food service establishments in Georgia and surrounding states. Darling International Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Randall Stuewe said, "We are excited about our acquisition of Boca Industries grease trap services business. The acquisition complements our acquisition last year of a grease collection business in the same geography and continues our strategy of broadening our national footprint in the restaurant services segment."

Darling International Inc. is the largest publicly traded, food processing by-products recycling company in the United States. The Company recycles used restaurant cooking oil and by-products from the beef, pork and poultry processing industries into useable products such as tallow, feed-grade fats, meat and bone meal, and hides. These products are primarily sold to agricultural, leather, oleo-chemical and bio-diesel manufacturers around the world. In addition, the Company provides grease trap collection services and sells equipment to restaurants. For additional information, visit the company's Web site at www.darlingii.com.

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