



McCormick & Company, Inc. to Exhibit at NAIC National Congress & Expo

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NAIC National Congress & Expo, NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 16. Pittsburgh -- McCormick & Company, Inc. (NYSE: MCG) is the largest spice company in the world and a leader in the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of spices, seasonings, flavors and other food products to the food industry -- retail, food service and food processors.

The Company reported sales growth of 7% for the six month period ended May 31, 1999. Gross margin increased 100 basis points during this period and earnings per share, excluding special charges, were \$ 0.23 versus \$ 0.44 in the prior year. Reported earnings per share were \$ 0.23.

These results were achieved through new distribution, successful marketing programs and supply chain management. Improved performance was accomplished in all segments of the business and across McCormick's worldwide locations.

On May 25, 1999 the Company began to list its non-voting common shares on the NYSE under the ticker symbol MCG. These shares were formerly traded on Nasdaq with the ticker symbol MCCOR. This move was made to benefit the Company's shareholders with reduced stock price volatility, more efficient trades and better worldwide visibility.

McCormick & Company, Inc. welcomes individual investor interest. For inquiries concerning the Investor Services Plan and to order an investor packet, contact Investor Services at the Corporate address in Maryland or telephone: 800-424-5855. Additional information about McCormick is located at its website: <http://www.mccormick.com>.

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