



McCormick Announces Common Stock Non-Voting Offering to Fund Part of its Acquisition of Reckitt Benckiser's Food Division

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SPRING, Md., Aug. 7, 2017 /PRNewswire -- McCormick & Company Inc. (NYSE: MKC) ("McCormick" or the "Company"), a global leader in flavor, today announced that it has launched an underwritten public offering (the "Offering") of \$500 million of its common stock non-voting ("Common Stock Non-Voting"). In connection with the Offering, McCormick intends to grant the underwriters an option for 30 days to purchase up to \$75 million of additional shares of its Common Stock Non-Voting.

McCormick intends to use the net proceeds of the Offering to fund, in part, the purchase price of its previously announced pending acquisition (the "Acquisition") of Reckitt Benckiser's Food Division ("RB Foods"). McCormick expects to fund the balance of the purchase price and any related fees and expenses with the net proceeds from additional debt financing, including a senior secured term offering and borrowing under an amended term loan facility, and to the extent all or a portion of the net proceeds from the Offering and/or the sales offering are not available, an unsecured bridge loan facility, as well as cash on hand. The Offering is not contingent on the closing of the Acquisition or any debt financing. For any reason the Acquisition does not close, McCormick intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering for general corporate purposes, which may include the financing of future acquisitions and the repayment of existing indebtedness.

Both Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse, SunTrust Robinson-Humphrey and Think Financial Securities are acting as joint book-running managers for the Offering.

This press release is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Common Stock Non-Voting or any other security of McCormick, nor shall there be any sale of the Common Stock Non-Voting or any other security of McCormick in any jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

The Offering is being made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement, as amended, including a base prospectus, that has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on August 7, 2017 and is available on the SEC website. A preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus related to the Offering have been filed with the SEC on August 7, 2017 and are available on the SEC website. Copies of these documents may be obtained from both Merrill Lynch, (NY) 1004-03-41, 200 North College Street, 3rd Floor, Charlotte, NC 28205-0001; email: mlccor@ml.com; (Atlanta) (Prospectus Department) and Credit Suisse, (One Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017), email: usinfo@credit-suisse.com; or (800) 201-1001 (Attention: Credit Suisse Prospectus Department).

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain information contained in this release that are not statements of historical or current fact constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements may be identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "believe" and "plan." The forward-looking statements contained in this release include, without limitation, statements related to: the expected timing, size, terms and the Company's ability to complete the Offering and any debt financing; the Company's anticipated use of proceeds from the Offering; and the completion of the proposed Acquisition and the offering and financing thereof.

These and other forward-looking statements are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results. Results may be materially affected by factors such as: risks associated with acquisitions generally, such as the ability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, required approvals under applicable and trust legislation and other regulatory and third party consents and approvals; potential volatility in the capital markets and impact on the ability to complete the proposed debt and equity financing necessary to satisfy the purchase price; the ability to reach key strategic and employees of RB Foods, current or former of the successful integration of RB Foods' operations with those of the Company; liability resulting or expensing of intellectual property and/or other intangible, identifiable or defensible, intellectual property of the RB Foods' business from the information technology systems of RB Foods; such as, as applicable, within the scope of the six-month post-closing transition agreement between McCormick and RB Foods; the New York laws of insurance being lower than expected; future or existing growth strategies in those regions; unfavorable reaction to the acquisition by customers, competitors, suppliers and employees; conditions affecting the industry generally; local and global political and economic conditions; conditions in the securities market that are less favorable than expected; and changes in the level of capital investment, and other risks described in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including McCormick's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Actual results could differ materially from those presented in the forward-looking statements. The company undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

About McCormick

McCormick & Company, Incorporated is a global leader in flavor. With \$4.4 billion in annual sales, the company manufactures, markets and distributes spices, seasoning blends, condiments and other flavorful products to the entire food industry – retail outlets, food manufacturers and foodservice businesses. Every day, no matter where or what you eat, you can enjoy food flavored by McCormick. McCormick Brings the Joy of Flavor to Life.™

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