



McCormick & Company Begins Trading On The New York Stock Exchange

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SPARKS, MD, MAY 25 -- McCormick & Company, Incorporated (NYSE:MKC) has announced that its non-voting common stock began trading today on the New York Stock Exchange, under ticker symbol "MKC."

On April 26, the Company announced that it had filed an application to list its non-voting common stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Until today, the Company's shares traded on NASDAQ under the symbol MCCRK.

Commented Robert J. Lawless, Chairman, President & CEO, "We believe that it is in the best interest of McCormick shareholders to move to the New York Stock Exchange. Listing on the NYSE should enhance shareholder value by providing the Company with greater worldwide visibility and improved trading characteristics through a market specialist."

Founded in 1889, McCormick is the world's largest spice company. The Company is a leader in the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of spices, seasonings, flavorings, and specialty foods to the entire food industry. From its global operating locations, McCormick products are sold in nearly 100 countries around the world.