



McCormick Appoints John Bilbrey to Board of Directors

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Oct. 3, 2005 /PRNewswire FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- John P. Bilbrey, Senior Vice President of The Hershey Company and President of Hershey International, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of McCormick & Company, Incorporated, effective November 22, 2005. In this capacity, Mr. Bilbrey is responsible for the leadership and executive management of all of Hershey's international operations.

Joining the Board, Mr. Bilbrey served in a number of senior management roles, including Senior Vice President of Hershey Foods and President and Chief Executive Officer of Divisional Western of Hershey America. He also had more than 20 years of international consumer sales and marketing experience at Procter & Gamble, which included several overseas assignments.

Commenting Robert J. Lanfless, Chairman, President & CEO of McCormick, "We are very pleased with this appointment to our Board. Mr. Bilbrey's extensive sales and marketing experience with international consumer products, coupled with his executive management responsibilities, will be very important to McCormick's future growth in the global marketplace."

McCormick (NYSE: MCC) is the international manufacturer and distributor of flavor products, including spices, herbs, seasonings, flavorings and extracts, and other specialty foods.

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