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Dot Foods Canada to Build Distribution Center in Ingersoll, Ontario

\$39 Million, 126,500-Square-Foot Facility Positions Company for Future Growth in Canada, Will Create 200 Jobs

INGERSOLL, ON. – <u>Dot Foods Canada</u>, a subsidiary of <u>Dot Foods, Inc.</u>, the largest food industry redistributor in North America, announces plans to build a distribution center in Ingersoll, Ontario. Construction of this new \$39 million facility will begin this spring off Clarke Road near Highway 401. The 126,500 square foot distribution center is scheduled to open in 2023.

Dot Foods initially established operations in Canada in 2016 with the purchase of Canadian food redistributor Marketwest, and set up distribution centers in Calgary, Alberta and Brampton, Ontario.

Once the new facility is complete, it will replace operations at the currently leased Brampton location.

Dot will offer positions at the new facility to all employees who currently work at the Brampton location. Dot Foods Canada also expects to hire 200 new employees from Ingersoll and surrounding areas in the next three to five years. These positions will largely be for warehouse workers and truck drivers, with some office and administrative roles.

Dot Foods' volume growth in Canada is driving the need for more warehouse capacity than the existing location.

"We are excited about the plans for this new facility for our Canadian operations," said John Tracy, Dot Foods Canada Executive Chairman. "Dot's distribution model is in high demand in Canada, and that

demand has driven the need to find a location that will provide the space and land needed for future expansion opportunities to 500,000 square feet. Ingersoll is a wonderful community, and we look forward to being a part of it."

"We're very excited to have Dot Foods Canada join the community in Ingersoll," said Ted Comiskey, Mayor of Ingersoll, Ontario. "This investment will provide great jobs to support hundreds of families within Ingersoll and area. Due to Ingersoll's strategic location, this will introduce new opportunities within the food sector for the Town, Oxford County and Southwestern Ontario as a whole."

"This is great news for Ingersoll and Oxford," said Ernie Hardeman, MPP for Oxford. "Dot Foods Canada's significant investment in our area is a boost to our local economy and shows our region is well-positioned to meet the needs of new business."

The Ingersoll distribution center will include offices and dry, refrigerated, and frozen warehouse space with docks. Dot Transportation Canada is <u>currently hiring truck drivers</u> for the new facility; they will work out of the company's existing facility in Brampton until the Ingersoll distribution center is complete. Those interested in applying for a warehouse or office position at the new Ingersoll facility can check dotfoodscareers.com for open positions in the coming months.

"There is great potential for growth in Canada," explained James Baggs, Director of Sales for Dot Foods Canada. "This is the next step in helping us reach that potential. The new, larger distribution center in Ingersoll will allow us to better service our current customers and reach new customers across the country."

ABOUT DOT:

Dot Foods, Inc. carries 133,000 products from 1,000 food industry manufacturers making it the largest food industry redistributor in North America. Through Dot Transportation, Inc., an affiliate of Dot Foods, the company distributes foodservice, convenience, retail, and vending products to distributors in all 50 states and more than 55 countries. Dot Foods operates 12 U. S. distribution centers, which are located in Bullhead City, Arizona; Modesto, California; Bear, Delaware; Vidalia, Georgia; Burley, Idaho; Mt. Sterling, Illinois; University Park, Illinois; Cambridge City, Indiana; Williamsport, Maryland; Liverpool, New York; Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Dyersburg, Tennessee.

<u>Dot Foods Canada</u>, a subsidiary of Dot Foods, established operations in Toronto, Ontario and Calgary, Alberta, in 2016. The company plans to build a new facility for in Ingersoll for its Ontario operations, which will replace its headquarters and operations in Brampton, in 2023. Dot Foods Transportation Canada, Inc., a subsidiary of Dot Foods Transportation, Inc., distributes a diverse range of 1,800 Canadian and American products for more than 275 Canadian distribution points.

<u>Dot Foods</u> and <u>Dot Transportation</u> are both looking to fill several positions for full and part-time drivers and warehouse personnel at all U.S. locations. To learn more about careers at Dot Foods visit

<u>dotfoodscareers.com</u> and follow <u>@DotFoodsCareers</u>. For more on opportunities available with Dot Transportation, visit <u>DriveForDot.com</u>.

ABOUT INGERSOLL

Ingersoll Ontario is located directly on Highway 401 between Highway 402 and 403, in Oxford County, known as the heartland of Southwestern Ontario. Ingersoll's business environment is innovative and dynamic while the Town maintains a welcoming and quaint small town charm. Ingersoll is home to over 250 successful businesses ranging from small local shops to large manufacturing facilities that are all dedicated to building great working relationships and helping the community flourish. With quick access to larger urban centres, Ingersoll offers all of the conveniences of city life with the serenity of small town country life. For more information contact: Michael Graves, CAO Town of Ingersoll, 519-485-0120 x 6222, mgraves@ingersoll.ca

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