

Monogram Foods Expands Capacity at Martinsville Manufacturing Plant

(Capacity Expansion Creates New Jobs)

Martinsville, VA -- (June 14, 2013) - - Monogram Food Solutions, LLC, today announced that it has secured significant new business for its' Martinsville Virginia Meat Snacks Plant that will result in the creation of 100 new jobs. The company plans to staff the positions over the course of the next six weeks with the goal of being fully crewed and at planned throughput levels by the end of July 2013.

Monogram will be holding a job fair/open house this coming Saturday, June 15th from 10am to 2pm at the Martinsville Facility to facilitate filling the newly created positions as quickly as possible. The job fair, located at 200 Knauss Drive, Martinsville, will afford interested applicants the opportunity to tour the facility, meet and talk with plant management and staffing personnel and submit applications for consideration. The available jobs encompass all skill levels (un-skilled, semi-skilled and skilled) and are available on both first and second shifts. Hiring will be coordinated through "The Work Connection" who will have representatives present at the job fair. In advance of the job fair "The Work Connection" representatives can be reached at 276-632-9602.

Monogram acquired the Martinsville Manufacturing Facility in September 2009. Since then Monogram has invested over \$8 million into expansions and renovations to accommodate growth and upgrade the plant to a "best-in-class" food safety facility. An additional \$1.2 million in capital improvements is scheduled to be spent in 2013. Since taking ownership in 2009, Monogram has grown the facility from 125 team members to over 425 team members, with the most recent 100 new positions bringing the total employee count to over 500 positions.

"We are proud of what we have achieved in Martinsville and recognize that without the dedicated, hard-working employees we have in Martinsville that none of this would have been possible," said Karl Schledwitz, Monogram's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Because of the excellent work ethic of the people in the Martinsville area we plan to continue to invest in this facility and provide additional job growth and opportunity."

Products made at the Martinsville plant include meat sticks, beef and chicken jerky, pickled sausage and egg products and kippered beef snacks.

About Monogram

Monogram Foods manufactures and markets a full line of value-added meat snacks, corn dogs and processed meats, and engages in branded, private-label, and co-manufacturing of meat products. Headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, Monogram Foods is one of America's fastest growing privately held companies.

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