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Dot Foods terminates contract to acquire assets of Empire Beef

Mt. Sterling, Illinois, October 2, 2007 – Dot Foods, Inc., a national food redistributor, has terminated its contract to purchase certain assets of Empire Beef and Redistribution Company of Rochester, New York.

“I regret to announce that we will not be moving forward with our acquisition. Unfortunately, we were not able to obtain bankruptcy court approval in accordance with the parameters we believed necessary for a successful acquisition,” said John Tracy, Chief Executive Officer and President of Dot Foods, Inc.

Empire Beef filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on September 6, 2007. Empire Beef agreed to sell certain assets to Dot Foods. The contract was also filed on September 6 and was subject to the approval of the bankruptcy court.

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Dot Foods, with \$2.5 billion in revenues, is the nation's leading food redistributor. Dot distributes foodservice, convenience, retail, vending and equipment and supplies for 700 of the nation's top manufacturers to over 3,300 food distributors in all 50 states. Customers are served through daily or weekly deliveries on multi-temperature tractor-trailer units operating out of distribution centers in Mt. Sterling, Ill.; Vidalia, Ga.; Modesto, Calif.; Williamsport, Md.; Liverpool, N.Y.; Ardmore, Okla.; Chicago, Ill.; and Cambridge City, Ind. For more information, visit the company's web site at www.dotfoods.com.

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