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Dot Foods announces plans to acquire assets of New York redistributor

Mt. Sterling, Ill., Sept. 7, 2007 – Dot Foods, Inc., a national food redistributor, has signed an agreement to purchase certain assets of Empire Beef and Redistribution Company of Rochester, N.Y.

Empire Beef filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection yesterday. The contract to sell assets to Dot was filed along with the bankruptcy filing and will be subject to the approval of the bankruptcy court. Dot Foods expects to conclude the purchase of assets within 60 days.

“Empire Beef is a natural fit for Dot because they are servicing a similar customer base as Dot,” says Jim Tracy, Dot Foods Senior VP/General Counsel. “Their commodity meat products represent a new category for us, so we’ll be enhancing our product offering to our customers.”

Empire Beef is a redistributor of meat and other food products to foodservice distributors in 20 Eastern states. With its headquarters and primary distribution center in Rochester, it has a second distribution center in Orefield, Penn., a sales office in New Jersey and 275 employees company-wide.

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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 & supplies of 720 of the nation's top manufacturers to over 3,300 food distributors in all 50 states. Customers are served through 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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