

## **Darling International Inc. Announces Senior Management Change**

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Darling International Inc. announced today that the Darling Board of Directors has formed a search committee and has retained the search firm of Spencer Stuart to assist in the selection of a successor to Denis J. Taura, the current Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Taura, who has served on Darling's Board of Directors since 1994 was requested by the Board in 1999 to assume the role of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, when the then CEO resigned to pursue other opportunities. Under Mr. Taura's guidance, the Company's operating performance has improved from a net loss in 1999 of \$16.0 million to a net profit for the six months ended June 30, 2002 of \$1.6 million. Also, on May 10, 2002, the Company completed a recapitalization, which included a conversion of debt for equity and a five year financing agreement to replace the financing agreement which had expired.

Mr. Taura will actively participate in the search process, and upon selection of a successor, will resume his responsibilities at Taura Flynn & Associates, a crisis management consulting firm.

Darling International Inc. is the largest publicly traded, food processing by-products recycling company in the United States. The Company recycles used restaurant cooking oil and by-products from the beef, pork and poultry processing industries into useable products such as tallow, feed-grade fats and meat and bone meal. These products are primarily sold to animal feed and oleo-chemical manufacturers around the world.

The Company's shares are traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol DAR. In Amex trading on September 25, 2002, Darling stock closed at \$1.10 per share.

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