

Darling International Inc. Concludes Review of Strategic Alternatives

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Darling International Inc. announced that the review of strategic alternatives to enhance shareholder value and liquidity initiated on May 28, 2003 has been concluded. The review involved consideration of a number of alternatives, including the possible sale of the Company. A broad universe of entities were contacted in the process which resulted in several preliminary indications of interest for the purchase of the Company. The Board deemed the indications of interest inadequate in several respects including their relationship to the market price for the Company's common stock. Darling is committed to following a strategy of preserving and enhancing shareholder value.

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