

Darling International Inc. Announces Refinancing

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Darling International Inc. announced today that the Company has entered into a new credit agreement with new lenders effective April 7, 2006. The refinancing replaces the prior credit agreement executed in April 2004. The new credit agreement provides for \$175 million in financing facilities, including a \$50 million term loan facility which will be amortized at \$5 million a year over a six-year term and a \$125 million revolver facility for a five-year term which provides a \$35 million letter of credit sub-facility.

The refinancing provides Darling with increased liquidity and financial flexibility to complete its previously announced acquisition of the assets of National By-Products, which the Company expects to close in the second quarter, and to retire the Company's senior subordinated notes. Additional benefits that Darling expects to realize from the refinancing include lower interest rates, an extended term, fewer restrictions on investments, and improved flexibility for paying dividends or repurchasing stock, all of which are subject to the terms of the new facility.

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. In addition, the Company provides grease trap collection services and sells equipment to restaurants.

For more information, please visit <http://www.darlingii.com/>.

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