Darling International Inc. Announces Public Offering of Common Stock

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IRVING, Texas, Jan. 24, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Darling International Inc. (NYSE: DAR), a leading provider of rendering, recycling and recovery solutions to the nation's food industry, today announced that it intends to offer 24,193,548 shares of its common stock in an underwritten public offering. In addition, Darling and certain former stockholders of Griffin Industries, Inc. (pursuant to such stockholders' contractual registration rights) may grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase from them up to 3,629,032 additional shares of Darling common stock to cover over-allotments, if any. Darling intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to repay a portion of the outstanding balance under its credit facility and for general corporate purposes. The repayment of such indebtedness will provide Darling with additional debt capacity and cash from operations to use in its previously announced renewable green diesel joint venture with Valero Energy Corporation. Darling will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by former stockholders of Griffin.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. and BMO Capital Markets are serving as joint book-running managers for the offering. The shares will be issued pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that was previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). A preliminary prospectus supplement related to the offering has been filed with the SEC and is available on the SEC's website, http://www.sec.gov. Copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus related to this offering may be obtained from Goldman, Sachs & Co., Prospectus Department, 200 West Street, New York, NY 10282, telephone: 1-866-471-2526, facsimile: 212-902-9316, or by emailing prospectus-ny@ny.email.gs.com.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

About Darling

Darling International Inc. is the nation's largest and only publicly traded provider of rendering and bakery waste recycling solutions to the nation's food industry. The Company recycles beef, pork and poultry waste streams into useable ingredients such as tallow, feed-grade fats, meat and bone meal, poultry meal and hides. The Company also recovers and transforms used cooking oil and commercial bakery waste into valuable feed and fuel ingredients. These products are primarily sold to agricultural, pet food, leather, oleo-chemical and biodiesel manufacturers around the world. In addition, the Company provides grease trap collection services and sells used cooking oil collection equipment to restaurants.

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