



## **DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC. COMPLETES THE VION INGREDIENTS ACQUISITION**

*January 8, 2014 – IRVING, Texas* – Darling International Inc. (NYSE: DAR) today announced that it has completed its acquisition of VION Ingredients, a division of VION Holding N.V. (a member of the VION Food Group), for approximately €1.6 billion in cash. VION Ingredients is a worldwide leader in the development and production of specialty ingredients from animal origin for applications in pharmaceuticals, food, feed, pet food, fertilizer and bio-energy. Headquartered in Son en Breugel, the Netherlands, VION Ingredients' global network of facilities on five continents covers all aspects of animal by-product processing through six brands including Rendac (rendering), Sonac (proteins, fats, edible fats and blood products), Ecoson (green power), Rousselot (gelatin), CTH (natural casings), and Best Hides (hides).

### **ABOUT DARLING**

Darling International Inc. is the world's largest, publicly-traded producer of sustainable natural ingredients from edible and inedible bio-nutrients creating a wide range of products and customized specialty solutions for clients in the food, pharmaceutical, pet food, feed, fuel, bioenergy, technical and fertilizer industries. With operations on five continents, the company recycles all aspects of animal by-product streams into useable and specialty ingredients, such as gelatin, tallow, feed-grade fats, meat and bone meal, poultry meal, yellow grease, fuel feed stocks, green energy, natural casings and hides. Value-added products include edible fats, bone products, fertilizers, blood products and plasma meals. The Company also recovers and converts used cooking oil and commercial bakery residuals into valuable feed and fuel ingredients. In addition, the Company provides grease trap collection services and sells used cooking oil collection equipment to restaurants and collects and land applies industrial residuals. For additional information, visit the Company's website at <http://www.darlingii.com>.

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uncertainties regarding Darling International, its business and the industry in which it operates are referenced from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Darling International is under no obligation to (and expressly disclaims any such obligation to) update or alter its forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.}

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