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## **Cavendish Farms grows, acquires Omstead Appetizer division**

Moncton, NB – Cavendish Farms, one of North America’s leading producers of frozen potato products, today announces that it has purchased the Appetizer division of Omstead Foods. The deal includes the purchase of the Omstead Appetizers name, the processing equipment at the Wheatley, Ontario plant, as well as a lease on the facility.

“Cavendish Farms is focused on investing in strategic growth opportunities that are a good fit for our existing businesses and expand our product offering to valued customers,” Robert Irving, President of Cavendish Farms said. “This acquisition greatly enhances our presence in the food service and retail sector in Canada, and adds to our presence in the US market as well.”

Cavendish Farms will integrate the Wheatley, Ontario plant into Cavendish Farms’ operations and run the plant as part of a new Appetizer Division. “During the current challenging business climate we are pleased to be able to invest and grow our food business as part of our long-term growth strategy,” said Irving.

The company expects to retain the vast majority of current Omstead employees working at the appetizer plant. “We are pleased to be able to offer continuing employment to the majority of employees,” Irving said, “and look forward to their contributions as employees within the Cavendish Farms family.”

Cavendish Farms will continue to market all coated appetizer products formerly offered by Omstead Foods, and will retain all existing relationships with customers. Processing and shipments to current customers will continue on schedule, and customers will be receiving direct communication in the coming days with respect to ongoing plans.

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