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## **Blommer Chocolate To Purchase Campbellford, Ontario Manufacturing Plant**

### **Former World's Finest Chocolate Plant Provides Platform for Growth, Experienced Employees**

Chicago, Illinois, March 24, 2006 - The Blommer Chocolate Company today announced its purchase of an 85,000-square-foot chocolate manufacturing facility in Campbellford, Ontario from World's Finest Chocolate. The acquisition continues Blommer's growth as the largest processor of cocoa beans and chocolate-related products in North America. Operation of the facility is expected to commence the first week of April.

"We are excited about the purchase as it provides a great platform for our continued growth in the North American market," said Rick Blommer, vice president of operations, on behalf of the Blommer family that has owned and operated the company since 1939.

In November 2005, World's Finest Chocolate announced it was closing the plant. With the acquisition by the Chicago-based Blommer Chocolate, operations will now continue with many of the same excellent employees at this facility. "We look forward to bringing these employees into the Blommer family and carrying on this facility's long tradition of producing quality products and providing superior service," said Blommer.

#### About Blommer Chocolate

Blommer Chocolate is a fully integrated chocolate and cocoa manufacturer serving customers around the world. The company was founded in 1939 in Chicago, Illinois by Henry Blommer, Sr., and his two brothers Al and Bernard. The company manufactures a broad array of chocolate, cocoa powder and specialty coating, including its Signature Line of chocolates and specialty alkalized cocoas, custom formulated to serve the confectionary, baking and dairy industries. The company operates three facilities strategically located across the United States, which give it the unique ability to respond quickly to customers' needs. The company is still family owned and operated and has grown to become the largest cocoa bean processor and chocolate manufacturer in North America.

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