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ADM NAMED MOST ADMIRED FOOD PRODUCTION COMPANY *Fortune Ranks ADM Most Admired in the Industry for Second Year in a Row*

Archer Daniels Midland Company (NYSE: ADM) was ranked the most admired company in the food production industry for the second year in a row by *Fortune* magazine. Each year, *Fortune* publishes a list of the “World’s Most Admired Companies,” which ranks companies in a variety of industries ranging from food production and pharmaceuticals to insurance and telecommunications.

“We are pleased to receive this recognition from our peers,” said Victoria Podesta, vice president, Corporate Communications. “Our success speaks to the hardworking people of ADM who connect the harvest to the home by providing customers with high-quality food ingredients that are enjoyed by billions of consumers every day.”

Fortune also ranked ADM at the top spot in the food production industry in seven of the nine categories by which companies are evaluated: innovation, use of corporate assets, social responsibility, quality of management, financial soundness, long-term investment and quality of products/services. In addition, ADM improved its overall score from its 2009 industry-leading ranking.

The *Fortune* World’s Most Admired Companies list is considered a benchmark of corporate reputation. A total of 667 companies from 33 countries were evaluated by more than 4,000 executives, directors and analysts. Survey respondents were asked to rate companies in their industry on nine criteria, from investment value to social responsibility.

About ADM

Every day, the 28,000 people of Archer Daniels Midland Company (NYSE: ADM) turn crops into renewable products that meet the demands of a growing world. At more than 230 processing plants, we convert corn, oilseeds, wheat and cocoa into products for food, animal feed, chemical and energy uses. We operate the world’s premier crop origination and transportation network, connecting crops and markets in more than 60 countries. Our global headquarters is in Decatur, Illinois, and our net sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, were \$69 billion. For more information about our Company and our products, visit www.adm.com.

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