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## **Mid-South Milling Company, Inc. Acquires Production Facilities**

*Expanded production capacity and geographic reach provide support for growing U.S. poultry consumption*

**Memphis, TN, January 1, 2017** –Mid-South Milling Company, Inc. is pleased to announce the acquisition of the domestic poultry feed ingredient production facilities from H. J. Baker & Bro., LLC effective January 1, 2018. The sale includes property, plants and equipment in Fort Smith, AR; Forest, MS; Trawick, TX; and Albertville, AL properties. H.J. Baker will retain its other U.S. production facilities and continue to serve the needs of animal health and nutrition, international and Sulphur customers.

“This acquisition will enhance Mid-South Milling’s ability to strategically support market changes for our U.S. and international customers in the poultry, pet food and aquaculture businesses,” said Nathan Pappas, President of Mid-South Milling Company. With expanded production capacity and greater geographic reach, we are able to increase our level of service to new and current customers and suppliers and offer greater opportunities to our employees.”

Christopher Smith, CEO and 4th Generation owner of H.J. Baker, stated that the sale will allow H.J. Baker to focus on the other key markets for the company’s products, including the dairy and aqua sectors, while also continue working internationally. “We are delighted that Mid-South will continue to operate these facilities. They were a natural fit as our organizations share many common values including a long history as family-owned, privately-held companies with excellent reputations for partnership and exceptional service to our customers and employees. We will continue to work with Mid-South to deliver a seamless integration of the respected services within the U.S. Poultry market.”

### **About Mid-South Milling**

Founded in 1961, Mid-South Milling, Inc. manufactures and merchandises animal protein for producers of feeds for dairy and beef cattle, swine, poultry, pets, and aquaculture worldwide. By working with nutritionists and grow-out specialists, MSM offers custom blended formulas to adapt to changing ingredient markets or to meet customers' particular dietary needs.

### **About H.J. Baker**

H.J. Baker & Bro., LLC is a family-owned company, founded in 1850, building trusting relationships that last decades. The Company invests in ongoing research, product innovation, and manufacturing excellence so that our customers have the best opportunity to succeed. Over the course of its history, the Company has been committed to adding value to the products and services it provides as a global manufacturer and supplier in the animal health and nutrition and Sulphur industries.