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BNY Mellon Appointed as Depository Bank by Grupo Nacional de Chocolates, S.A.

NEW YORK, December 7, 2009 -- BNY Mellon, the global leader in asset management and securities servicing, has been selected by Grupo Nacional de Chocolates, S.A. as the depository bank for its American depository receipt (ADR) program. Each Grupo Nacional de Chocolates ADR represents one common share and trades on the over-the-counter (OTC) market. The common shares trade on the Bolsa de Valores de Colombia under the symbol "CHOCOLATES."

Grupo Nacional de Chocolates is a Colombia-based company that invests in processed food businesses throughout its strategic region comprising the Andean Community, Central America, the Caribbean, Mexico and the Hispanic communities of the United States. Its portfolio includes companies in the cold cuts, biscuits, chocolates, coffee, ice cream and pasta businesses.

"We look forward to working with BNY Mellon to develop our ADR program," said Carlos Enrique Piedrahita, CEO of Grupo Nacional de Chocolates. "We selected BNY Mellon because of its unique focus on the depository receipts market and we expect our program to benefit from its specialization and experience."

"Colombia is a focal market for us and Grupo Nacional de Chocolates is a well known brand," said Michael Cole-Fontayn, chief executive officer of BNY Mellon's Depository Receipts business. "We plan to leverage this recognition with strategic IR initiatives to support the continued demand for Colombian ADRs."

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