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OLAM INTERNATIONAL TO ACQUIRE ASSETS FROM DE FRANCESCO AND SONS, INC

Singapore, December 18, 2008 – Olam International Limited (“Olam” or “the Company”), a leading global integrated supply chain manager of agricultural products and food ingredients, today announced that it is acquiring the assets of a dehydration facility located in Firebaugh, California, from De Francesco and Sons, Inc. and related parties. The De Francesco family has been a pioneer in the U.S. vegetable dehydration / spice industry.

Investment Rationale and Strategic Fit

The acquisition of this facility is in line with our strategy to be a quality ingredient supplier of value added spices and dehydrates to our customers in the food industry globally. This facility will help us add a range of US onions, garlic and other vegetable dehydrates to our existing portfolio of spices and dehydrates from China, Vietnam and India. This facility has established reputation as one of the most well equipped vegetable dehydration facilities in the U.S. and is also strategically located in the middle of the garlic and onion growing belts in California’s agricultural heartland.

Olam’s Managing Director and Group Product Head for Spices & Dehydrates, Ashok Krishen said: “We have already built a strong presence in the US market through our previous acquisition of Key Foods Ingredients (KFI); and through acquisition of the De Francesco assets, we see significant potential to build on the KFI franchise and extract substantial synergies in sales & marketing, quality assurance, distribution, logistics and warehousing, which will help us provide a wider and more comprehensive product and service package to our customers as well. We are grateful for the support and cooperation from the De Francesco family and all related parties, in helping us acquire the assets and restart this facility.”

Asset Overview

From 1968 until closure in February 2006, this facility was a leading, approved supplier and processor of various grades of dehydrated vegetables (primarily garlic and onions).

The well integrated plant includes state-of-the-art equipment for vegetable dehydration – from raw material intake to final packaging lines. The assets also include extensive



storage, utilities and related infrastructure as well as laboratory and greenhouse facilities.

Olam proposes to acquire the assets, including land, buildings, plant and machinery in its current condition and further refurbish and balance the processing line through minor capital expenditure. It also intends to set up a seed breeding program and invest in the requisite harvesting equipment for developing a comprehensive grower program to support the raw material requirements for its intended capacity.

Strong local Synergies

This acquisition is in line with Olam's plan of building capabilities in the food ingredients sector within the US, which already has substantial momentum through its previous acquisitions of Universal Blanchers and KFI.

John Gibbons, President, Olam Americas Inc. explained: "We are quite excited to add locally grown and processed dehydrated vegetables to our existing portfolio of food products in the US which already includes cocoa, coffee, peanuts, cashews, dairy and spices.

This also reaffirms our commitment to continued investment in California agriculture, and we are very pleased with the strong support this transaction has received from the existing grower base of Anderson Clayton Corp. (ACCO), a Queensland Cotton subsidiary, which we acquired in 2007. ACCO's well established reputation in California's Central Valley and its wide grower network will be crucial for assuring a stable source of raw material supply for this newly acquired facility.

Apart from supporting and expanding the grower base, we also hope to generate substantive new employment opportunities in Fresno County and adjoining areas once the plant is fully operational in 2009-10."

The acquisition will be funded through resources already in place. We will be ready to participate in the next crop season and investment will be earnings accretive from FY10 onwards.

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About Olam International

Olam is a leading global integrated supply chain manager of agricultural products and food ingredients, sourcing 20 products with a direct presence in 60 countries and supplying them to over 6,500 customers. With direct sourcing and processing in most major producing countries for its various products, Olam has built a global leadership position in many of its businesses, including cocoa, coffee, cashew, sesame, rice, cotton



and wood products. Headquartered in Singapore and listed on the SGX-ST on February 11, 2005, Olam currently ranks among the top 40 largest listed companies in Singapore in terms of market capitalization and is a component stock in the Straits Times Index (STI), MSCI Singapore Free, S&P Agribusiness Index and the DAXglobal Agribusiness Index. More information on Olam can be found at www.olamonline.com.

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