



News Release

GraceKennedy Makes Senior Management Change at Grace Foods UK

International Foods CEO, Andrea Coy, Now Managing Director of Grace Foods, UK

Kingston, Jamaica, October 28 – In addition to her substantive post as CEO of GraceKennedy Foods International, Mrs Andrea Coy has been appointed Managing Director of Grace Foods UK (GFUK), with immediate effect, the Company has announced. That post was previously occupied by Phil Cross, who is no longer with the company.

“We thank Phil for his contribution to Grace Foods UK, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Grace Foods UK has been performing creditably over the years. Andrea has led many of our companies to increased profitability, and we strongly believe that she will further transform the business, as the basis for sustained growth. This is critical for the Group as the performance of Grace Foods UK forms a significant part of our Global Consumer Group strategy,” said Group CEO, Don Wehby, addressing Senior Executives at the Company’s London Office, while there for Board meetings.

In its Q2 results release, GraceKennedy noted that Grace Foods UK had earned good distribution gains in supermarkets for its Encona and Grace branded products, with Grace Tropical Rhythms showing significant growth in sales. There was, however, a reported decline in sales for its flagship Nurishment brand, which was being addressed by new and convenient packaging to be launched in the first quarter of 2020. It is expected that this will stimulate improved performance of the brand.

Andrea Coy, who also serves on GraceKennedy’s Executive Committee, will bring the necessary focus to this critical UK portfolio as part of her overall responsibilities. In January 2018, Mrs. Coy was appointed CEO of GK Foods International with responsibility for GraceKennedy’s manufacturing and distribution operations in the USA, Canada and the UK, as well as its continued expansion into Europe. She also has responsibility for GraceKennedy’s distribution operations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mrs Coy joined the company in 2005 and has held several senior executive positions in the Foods Division. She serves as the Chairman of Grace Foods Ltd., and is a Director of Grace Foods International Ltd., GK Foods & Services Ltd., GraceKennedy (Belize) Ltd., GraceKennedy Foods (USA) LLC, and the Grace & Staff Community Development Foundation Ltd.

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