

Earth Balance® Nut Butters Not Included in Federal Government Salmonella Investigation of the Peanut Corporation of America

BOULDER, Colo. (Feb. 3, 2009) — Earth Balance®, a line of all-natural healthy buttery spreads, shortenings and nut butters announced that its nut butter products, including Creamy and Crunchy peanut butter, are not involved in the federal investigation of salmonella in association with a Georgia production plant.

Earth Balance® products, including the peanut butter varieties, are not produced at the production plant owned by the Peanut Corporation of America that is currently under investigation. Earth Balance® has no association with the Peanut Corporation of America and is not part of the 85 companies identified by the government as having products containing peanuts that are produced at the facility.

About Earth Balance®:

Based in Boulder, Colo., Earth Balance® produces a line of 14 deliciously healthy buttery spreads, shortenings and nut butters. Made with a proprietary blend of expeller-pressed oils shown to raise good (HDL) cholesterol and lower bad (LDL), they are also a good source of important Omega 3s. Available in organic and vegan varieties, in both tub and stick forms, Earth Balance® Natural Spreads are also non-GMO, and free of trans-fats, hydrogenated oils, and artificial ingredients of any kind. Earth Balance® Natural Spreads are sold nationally at Whole Foods Market, regionally at City Market, Fred Meyer, Henry's, King Soopers, Publix, QFC, Safeway, Trader Joe's and Wegmans, as well as in local natural and specialty stores across the U.S. and Canada. Earth Balance® is a division of Smart Balance Inc. (NasdaqGM: SMBL). For more information, visit www.EarthBalanceNatural.com.

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