

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**HIGH-EFFICIENCY, ULTRA LOW-NO_x BOILER
GOES ON LINE AT DEL MONTE FOODS PLANT**

Modesto, California, April 3, 2008......Del Monte Foods Company has installed a new high-efficiency, ultra low-NO_x package boiler at the company's fruit processing and packaging plant in Modesto, California. The unit, used for process steam, has been certified to operate at better than 95% fuel-to-steam efficiency with less than 2.5 parts-per-million (ppm) NO_x emissions. The exceptional efficiency and clean operation of this boiler earned Del Monte Foods an Energy Efficiency Rebate from the local utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, (PG&E). The low NO_x emission level of 2.47ppm is far below the currently allowable limit of 9ppm established by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), one of the most demanding air quality districts in the country. Also, the boiler's low NO_x emission level meets the 5ppm limit that is expected to be put into effect by the SJVAPCD in the near future.

The new Babcock & Wilcox 50,000 pound-per-hour, 275psi, 500°F boiler was supplied to Del Monte Foods by Nationwide Boiler Incorporated. In addition to the boiler, Nationwide Boiler also provided the CataStak™ selective catalytic reduction system that is responsible for controlling NO_x emissions. The resulting, low 2.47ppm NO_x emission level was accomplished using CataStak coupled with a standard 30ppm burner, rather than a more expensive and complex ultra low-NO_x burner, and limited flue-gas recirculation. CO emissions of 7.3ppm are significantly below the allowable 50ppm level. Boiler efficiency and emission levels were determined by PG&E and confirmed by a third-party testing agency for the SJVAPCD.

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According to Jim Mortensen, Del Monte Foods' Maintenance Superintendent, "The efficiency and exceptionally clean performance of this new boiler system are the result of many hours of solid engineering and component selection. We picked the best equipment from the best suppliers and the results speak for themselves. In particular, the CataStak SCR proved to be the ideal solution for reducing NO_x emissions economically, efficiently and with minimum operator attention."

Boiler operations include use of up to 20% flue-gas recirculation, depending on the boiler load; and feedwater heating that is accomplished using a Kentube exhaust-stack economizer and a Benz Air condensing heat exchanger which lowers the stack temperature to 93°F. Operating efficiency and emission levels are essentially constant across the entire boiler turndown range.

Del Monte Foods is one of the country's largest and most well known producers, distributors and marketers of premium quality, branded food and pet products for the U.S. retail market, generating more than \$3.4 billion in net sales in fiscal 2007. With a powerful portfolio of brands including DelMonte®, StarKist®, S&W®, Contadina®, College Inn®, Meow Mix®, Kibbles 'n Bits®, 9Lives®, Milk-Bone®, Pup-Peroni®, Meaty Bone®, Snausages® and Pounce®, Del Monte products are found in nine out of ten U.S. households. The Company also produces, distributes and markets private label food and pet products. Each year, the Modesto, California plant processes and packages approximately 28 million cases of a variety of fruits in many different types of packaging.

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