



AGR Partners supports the Cooke Family to Purchase Icycle Seafoods

Blacks Harbour NB, Canada: The Cooke family has completed the purchase of Icycle Seafoods, Inc and is pleased to have been able to work with AGR Partners, an investment firm dedicated to long-term, non-controlling equity investments in the food and agriculture value-chain, as a minority partner.

The purchase includes Icycle's three business units, which harvest and process over 150,000 metric tonnes of seafood annually: wild salmon, groundfish and farmed Atlantic salmon.

With a worldwide network of cold storage and distribution facilities, Cooke will offer a large portfolio of seafood protein from the ocean - both farmed and wild - to a broad base of customers in the global marketplace.

This transaction is consistent with the Cooke family's focus on vertical integration and diversification in terms of geography, products and markets and their strategy to achieve growth through acquisitions and organic growth in the seafood sector; both in aquaculture and the fishery.

About AGR Partners: AGR Partners is an investment firm based in Davis and Visalia, California, and Chicago, Illinois, dedicated to investing in strong food companies and agribusinesses through long-term investments of non-controlling equity or subordinated debt to facilitate late-stage growth, strategic acquisitions, full buyouts and ownership transitions.

About Cooke Seafood Inc: Cooke Aquaculture was established in 1985 by the Cooke family with one farm and 5,000 salmon. Recognizing that integration and diversification was key to global competitiveness, the family launched an aggressive growth strategy involving acquisitions, expanded facilities, product lines and distribution networks. Today, Cooke Aquaculture is a vertically integrated corporation headquartered in Blacks Harbour NB with operations in Atlantic Canada, the United States, Chile, Spain and Scotland. The Cooke family of companies now employ more than 3000 people worldwide and sell a broad spectrum of wild and farmed seafood products to discerning customers in the food service and retail sector around the world. With the acquisition of Icycle Seafoods, Inc. the Cooke group of companies will produce over 275,000 metric tonnes of seafood annually and generate \$1.8 Billion in annual sales.



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