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Brinker International and ERJ Dining, LLC Choose Maines as Primary Foodservice Distributor for 200 Midwest Restaurants

November 25, 2009 Conklin, NY – Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc., was recently selected as the foodservice distributor of choice for 200 restaurants located throughout the Midwest and owned by Brinker International (NYSE: EAT) and ERJ Dining, LLC. Brinker International owns and operates over 1700 restaurants worldwide, including Chili's Grill & Bar, On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, and Maggiano's Little Italy.

Centrally located, Maines' Chicago distribution center will deliver foodservice products to restaurants located in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, North Dakota and South Dakota. The new business agreement with Brinker International and ERJ Dining, LLC required an expansion project at the Chicago distribution center, created new jobs, and is expected to generate at least \$650 million in sales over the term of the agreement.

"Year after year, the Maines Paper & Food Service team members continue to exceed our customer's expectations," said Maines President and CEO Chris Mellon. "It's just one of the reasons Brinker International and ERJ Dining, LLC selected Maines as their foodservice distributor for these 200 restaurants. Brinker International and ERJ Dining, LLC take pride in their ability to consistently provide their customers with top quality food at affordable prices in a fun environment. Blended with Maines' exceptional record of outstanding service and our ability to quickly adapt to changing marketplace conditions, Brinker International and ERJ Dining, LLC. will receive the value they are looking for today and well into the future."

In addition to its central location, Maines' Chicago distribution center earned the Brinker International and ERJ Dining, Inc. business because of its streamlined distribution systems in place that result in competitive landed shipment costs. Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc., provides its customers with access to supply chain management tools, giving Brinker International and ERJ Dining, LLC the ability to view, manage, and optimize all aspects of the distribution system.

About Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc.

Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc., is one of the largest independent foodservice distributors in the country. Maines has a 90-year history of helping restaurant owners and managers overcome their foodservice distribution challenges and help them quickly adapt to changing marketplace conditions. Our customized distribution process improvements result in true

supply chain efficiencies, lowering costs and improving profitability for the supply chain participant. With annual revenue approaching \$3 billion, Maines is well-positioned to better serve, retain, and grow its customer base. Our foodservice distribution services are provided by more than 1,900 highly-motivated associates serving customers from nine distribution centers serving 33 states.

For more information about Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc., please visit www.maines.net.

About Brinker International

Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), is one of the world's leading casual dining restaurant companies, serving more than 1 million guests daily. Founded in 1975 and based in Dallas, Texas, Brinker owns or franchises nearly 1,700 restaurants in 28 countries and two territories and employs more than 125,000. Brinker restaurant brands include Chili's Grill & Bar(R), On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina(R), and Maggiano's Little Italy(R). Brinker also holds a minority investment in Romano's Macaroni Grill(R). The company was named one of FORTUNE Magazine's Most Admired Food Service Companies in 2009 and was honored by the magazine as one of the Top 50 Employers for Minorities and the Top 50 Employers for Women. For more information, visit www.brinker.com.