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**FONA and EPA Reach Agreement**

In October of 2006, FONA reached agreement with the EPA on three violations relating to permitting and record keeping. These violations fell under the Clear Air Act and the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act and were administrative in nature.

In May of 2006, an EPA inspection of our former facility in Carol Stream, Illinois, which has since been sold, helped identify two missing permits and an administrative record keeping and reporting process in need of updating as a result of FONA's growth.

FONA conferred with the EPA and then complied with the fine that was levied as a result of these errors. The EPA helped FONA correct the issues and ensure our paperwork and administrative processes were in complete compliance with the requirements of all U.S. and Illinois EPA regulations.

At FONA, we take our role as a steward of our resources and member of the community very seriously. Our processes and throughput are monitored on an ongoing basis via our industry-leading safety and compliance programs. We invest in the best equipment, training and consultation to ensure our systems and processes are in complete harmony with the requirements and recommendations of the regulatory bodies which govern FONA.

We are proud of our 25-year track record. The objective for this release is to pre-empt any misinterpretations regarding the nature of the 2006 EPA violations and relieve our neighbors and customers of any concerns. We are grateful to the EPA for their guidance and continued support in ensuring we take the best possible care of our customers, employees, community and environment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracy Cesario, Director of Corporate Communications.

**About FONA International, Inc.**

Founded in 1987, FONA International creates and manufactures flavors for some of the largest food, beverage, and nutraceutical companies in the world. It offers flavor solutions for the Confection, Grain, Dry Beverage, Liquid Beverage and Emerging Market segments through its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus located in Geneva, IL. FONA International has established a reputation as the forward thinking, independent solution provider in the very competitive flavor industry.

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