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On Wednesday, May 12, 2010 FONA International Inc. experienced a manufacturing equipment failure which caused an explosive release of pressure in an interior room in our Geneva Illinois facility. The incident occurred at approximately 9:15 PM. Fortunately none of our employees were injured. One employee was checked onsite by paramedics and another was taken to Delnor Community Hospital to have his hearing and an abrasion on his ear checked. He was released after being examined in the ER.

We are grateful that our manufacturing team utilized their personal protective equipment, safety training and facility knowledge to keep all employees safe and minimize the extent of the damage. We greatly appreciate the rapid response by the Geneva and St. Charles fire departments.

We have already begun to investigate the cause of the equipment failure and will be taking this opportunity to once again thoroughly review our safety procedures and manufacturing processes.

Culture and commitment to our employees are the factors that set FONA apart as one of the *101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work for in Chicagoland* according to the National Association of Business Resources for the fourth year in a row. The well-being and safety of our people remains our utmost priority.

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, Illinois.

FONA is committed to excellence and has established a reputation as the forward thinking, independent solution provider in the very competitive flavor industry.