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**FONA INTERNATIONAL INC. IS RANKED ON THE INC. 5,000 LIST OF FASTEST-GROWING PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE COUNTRY WITH THREE YEAR SALES GROWTH OF 44.7%.**

**GENEVA, ILLINOIS, September 6, 2007** – FONA International Inc., creator and manufacturer of flavors and flavoring ingredients for the world's leading food, beverage and nutraceutical companies, was recently named one of the fastest-growing private companies in the country on the first-ever Inc. 5,000 list.

The Inc. 5,000, an extension of *Inc.* magazine's annual Inc. 500 list, catches many businesses that are too big to grow at the pace required to make the Inc. 500, as well as a host of smaller firms. Taken as a whole, these companies represent the backbone of the U.S. economy.

"The Inc. 5,000 provides the most comprehensive look ever at the most important part of the economy – the entrepreneurial part," said Inc. 5,000 Project Manager Jim Melloan. "The expansion of the list has allowed us to tell the stories of larger companies, older companies, and a wealth of companies in industries like Manufacturing and Construction that are underreported in the business media.

"This is a great honor for FONA and a wonderful recognition of our growth, which is five times the standard in our industry," said Joe Slawek, President & CEO of FONA International. "Our continued success allows us to contribute to our customers, our employees and our community's growth."

**Methodology**

The 2007 Inc. 5000 list measures revenue growth from 2003 through 2006. To qualify, companies had to be U.S.-based and privately held, independent – not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies – as of December 31, 2006, and have had at least \$200,000 in revenue in 2003, and \$2 million in 2006.

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**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, Sweet, Culinary, and Beverage market segments through its state-of-the-art, 23-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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