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## **PLANTERS NEW WAREHOUSE NOW OPERATIONAL**

SUFFOLK, VA, November 16, 2005 -- Kraft Foods Global, Inc. recently completed construction of a 57,000-square-foot warehouse addition to its Planters Peanuts facility at 245 Culloden Street. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled today at 2:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for Kraft guests and Suffolk city officials to view the new facility.

The new facility, called a "buffer" warehouse, ships finished *Planters* products to other Kraft distribution centers, and directly to customers. Construction began in February, 2005. The building, designed and constructed by United Insulated Structures Corp. of Chicago, has 1,242 square feet of office space and 56,000 square feet of storage space, capable of housing 15,000 pallets of finished goods. Other features include energy-efficient lighting and fire protection sprinklers.

"This also brings 16 new jobs to Planters in Suffolk," said Dan Huss, plant manager, adding that the manufacturing facility currently employs 325.

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Huss stated that the new warehouse was needed to relieve space constraints and to facilitate more efficient handling of product, which previously had to be shuttled between the plant and offsite warehouse space.

“Expansion of existing industry is a key ingredient to our economic development success and it is always good news when our local industries find the business climate favorable for expansion,” said Suffolk Mayor Bobby Ralph. “We are extremely pleased that Planters will continue to grow and prosper in Suffolk and I congratulate them on their continuing success.”

Huss added, “We’re extremely grateful for the ongoing positive working relationship with the City of Suffolk.”

The Planters business has a long history in Suffolk, beginning with the 1913 move of what was then the privately-owned Planters Nut & Chocolate Company from Wilkes-Barre, PA. Planters was purchased by Nabisco in 1981 and, in late 2000, became part of Kraft, following the acquisition of Nabisco. The current Suffolk manufacturing facility was constructed in 1987. Today, it produces peanuts, mixed nuts and trail mix for national distribution.

Kraft Foods markets many of the world’s leading food brands, including MAXWELL HOUSE® coffee, KRAFT® cheese, NABISCO® cookies and crackers, PHILADELPHIA® cream cheese, OSCAR MAYER® meats, POST® cereals and MILKA® chocolates, in more than 150 countries.

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