

Ajinomoto North America, Inc. Relocates Corporate Headquarters to Itasca, Illinois

Move Underlines Commitment to Efficiency and Customer Success

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Fort Lee, NJ (Feb. 14, 2017) - Ajinomoto North America, Inc., will move its headquarters office from Fort Lee, NJ to Itasca, IL on April 1, 2017. The move will improve our service to our customers and strengthen our ability to maintain a competitive position in our businesses by improving efficiencies and costs.

Itasca is also home to Ajinomoto North America, Inc's Food Ingredients division. This division provides help to food manufacturers of all sizes by delivering the highest quality of taste enhancement with a broad portfolio of innovative ingredient solutions that span the sweet, savory and texture categories.

Ajinomoto North America, Inc. is a subsidiary of Ajinomoto Co., Inc., a global manufacturer of high-quality amino acids, seasonings, processed foods, beverages, pharmaceuticals and specialty chemicals. Ajinomoto Co., Inc., founded in Japan in 1909, opened its first U.S. office in 1917. Ajinomoto USA, Inc. was founded in 1956 and became Ajinomoto North America, Inc. in 2011. Ajinomoto North America, Inc. currently employs more than 500 personnel in offices and manufacturing facilities in Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey and North Carolina. The company is supported by the Ajinomoto Group's global network of research, development, manufacturing and logistics.

As of April 1, 2017, the address of Ajinomoto North America's headquarters is:

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About Ajinomoto

Ajinomoto is a global manufacturer of high-quality amino acids, pharmaceuticals, specialty chemicals seasonings, foods and beverages. For more than 100 years, Ajinomoto has contributed to food culture and human health through wide-ranging application of amino acid technologies. Today, the company is becoming increasingly involved with solutions for improved food resources, human health and global sustainability. Founded in 1909 and now operating in 27 countries and regions, Ajinomoto Co. had net sales of JPY 1,185.9 billion (USD 9.87 billion) in fiscal 2015. Ajinomoto North America, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Ajinomoto Co., Inc., operates offices and manufacturing facilities in Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey and North Carolina.

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