



## U.S. Department of Justice approves JBS acquisition of Pilgrim's Pride

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JBS S.A. (JBSS3 and JBSAY) informs its shareholders and the market in general that the U.S. Department of Justice announced today that it was terminating its investigation into JBS USA Holdings Inc.'s acquisition of Pilgrim's Pride allowing the transaction to proceed. Under the terms of the acquisition, JBS USA will purchase shares representing 64% of the total and voting capital stock of Pilgrim's for \$800 million in cash. The transaction represents an enterprise value of \$2.8 billion. The conclusion of the acquisition is subject to the final approval of the reorganization plan by the Bankruptcy Court, which is expected to take place before the end of the year.

"Today is an exciting day for JBS and Pilgrim's Pride," said Wesley M. Batista, president and chief executive officer of JBS USA Holdings. "With today's decision by the U.S. Department of Justice, JBS has been granted the opportunity to enter into the U.S. poultry industry pending approval from the Bankruptcy Court. As a successful U.S. beef and pork company, we believe we are well positioned to bring that same competitive energy to Pilgrim's Pride, its employees and customers. We thank the U.S. Department of Justice for their thorough and timely review of this transaction and we look forward to working with Pilgrim's to honor its tradition."

São Paulo, October 14, 2009.

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#### About JBS S.A.

JBS S.A. is currently the world's largest beef producer and exporter with a daily harvesting capacity of 73,900 head of cattle and the largest global exporter of processed beef. The company's operations include 25 plants located in 9 Brazilian states and 6 plants located in 4 Argentine provinces, in addition to 16 plants in the US, 10 in Australia and 8 in Italy. Additionally, JBS S.A. is the third-largest pork producer in the US, with a harvesting capacity of 48,500 head per day. In 2008, JBS S.A. generated net revenue of R\$30.3 billion. Its brands "Friboi," "Swift," "Swift and Company," "La Herencia," "1855 Swift Premium," "Maturatta," "Cabaña Las Lilas," "Organic Beef Friboi," "Anglo," "Mouran," "Plata," "King Island," "Beef City," "AMH," "Inalca," "Montana" and "Ibise" are widely recognized as symbols of quality. More information about JBS S.A. is available at [www.jbs.com.br/ir/](http://www.jbs.com.br/ir/).

#### JBS U.S.A. Holdings

JBS U.S.A. Holdings is a wholly owned subsidiary of JBS S.A.

#### About Pilgrim's Pride

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation employs approximately 41,000 people and operates chicken processing plants and prepared-foods facilities in 12 states of the USA, Puerto Rico and Mexico. The Company's primary distribution is through retailers and foodservice distributors. For more information, please visit <http://www.pilgrimspride.com>.

*This release contains forward-looking statements relating to the prospects of the business, estimates for operating and financial results, and those related to growth prospects of JBS. These are merely projections and, as such, are based exclusively on the expectations of JBS' management concerning the future of the business and its continued access to capital to fund the Company's business plan. Such forward-looking statements depend, substantially, on changes in market conditions, government regulations, competitive pressures, the performance of the Brazilian economy and the industry, among other factors and risks disclosed in JBS' filed disclosure documents and are, therefore, subject to change without prior notice.*

