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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Phillips Pet Food and Supplies, a leading and fast growing nationwide distribution network focused on providing personalized service with its extensive product variety and first-rate infrastructure and technology is happy to announce that effective August 1, 2014, the acquisition of Gardner Distributing Co., headquartered in Billings, Montana, was completed.

Gardner and Phillips employ similar philosophies with a goal and mission to provide superior customer service with an increased availability of products and services. The integration of Gardner and Phillips will allow us to learn from each other, focus on the strengths of each and combine the best practices of both organizations to form strategic alliances with customers and vendors.

This acquisition and merger does not change how the Gardner customers do business today. Order times, delivery, pricing, method of making payments, sales contact, the Gardner name, and all other Gardner policies and procedures will remain the same.