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**FOOD-CHEMICAL SUPPLIER ENTERS EXCLUSIVE GROUP
BHS Specialty Chemical Joins 5% of Industry with SQF Certification**

NAMPA, Idaho, Nov. 1, 2012 - When BHS Specialty Chemical, headquartered in Nampa, Idaho, was officially granted SQF certification on April 3, 2012, the company became one of a select group. BHS is now among a minority of manufacturers, estimated at less than 5%, who are SQF Level 2000 Certified for food-grade ingredient manufacturing, sanitation and distribution.

Phil Johnson, BHS Chairman and CEO, said this measure of safety certification is unusual in this area of the food industry. "There aren't many chemical suppliers who have gone to this extent."

The company determined to undertake the certification process some 18 months before the certification date, knowing that earning SQF certification would be a significant achievement. "For many manufacturers or distributors of chemical food products, this certification would be difficult for them to earn," noted Johnson. Representing a comprehensive audit of food-safety practices, safety plans and plant infrastructure, the prospect of SQF certification can be daunting to companies, both small and large.

Joining Johnson in spearheading this effort were BHS Quality & Regulatory Manager Heather Edwards and R&D Manager Ben Parker. "As a team, we agreed that this was the right move to make," said Johnson. "It's just another way we are doing our part to help lead the industry forward."

The company is used to being among the minority; their unique business model, which includes all aspects from mining, to manufacturing, to blending, to distribution, sets them apart in a class by themselves. Other efforts, including leading-edge developments from their R&D department, and discoveries derived from a grant-based research study partnership with Boise State University's award-winning Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, further serve to drive the forward progress of the food industry.

The food-safety audit was performed by Eagle Food Registrations, Inc., earning BHS the distinction of SQF 2000 certification for Manufacturers and Distributors, meeting or exceeding the Safe Quality Food Institute's rigorous criteria for product trace, regulatory, food safety and commercial quality. Recertification audits will be performed annually.

About BHS Specialty Chemicals

BHS offers a complete spectrum of products and services to satisfy the chemical requirements of food manufacturers and other industries. An SQF 2000 Level II Certified Company, BHS provides chemicals approved and controlled for use in food manufacturing plants. Since 1998 the company has grown to become a prominent member of the chemical supplier industry. To learn more, visit <http://www.BHSpecialtychemicals.com>

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