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OSI GROUP CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW DRY SAUSAGE PLANT IN UTAH

West Jordan plant is first significant new U.S. construction for dry sausage processing in over 20 years.

Aurora, IL and West Jordan, UT (September 9, 2011) – OSI Group today celebrated the opening of its new dry sausage plant located in West Jordan, Utah. This 50,000 sq. ft. facility will allow OSI to serve its customers' west coast needs for pepperoni, Genoa salami and other dry sausage products.

Located just outside Salt Lake City, the West Jordan plant is a state-of-the-art, highly automated dry sausage processing facility, and one of the most modern in the industry. The plant, which is located next to OSI's existing beef and pork processing facility, will produce dry sausage products for both the foodservice and retail channels.

OSI President and Chief Operating Officer David McDonald said, "Our investment in this new facility represents OSI's commitment to being a trusted partner to our customers, and to serving their needs for these products in the western United States. We have operated our existing West Jordan plant since 1977, and this new world-class operation helps to further position us as a leading food processing company. OSI operates over 45 facilities around the globe, and we provide our customers with a wide range of quality value-added products customized to their specific needs. This new facility gives our customers even more options."

The West Jordan facility is a high-volume and high-efficiency operation that can produce millions of pounds of dry sausage annually, with capabilities for both large and small diameter products, as well as specialty items. The latest processing technology was utilized to deliver the utmost in product consistency and quality, as well as industry-leading food safety.

"The talent we have assembled to staff this new plant is truly top-notch," said Kevin Scott, OSI executive vice president, North America. "The technical expertise and experience they have is a perfect match for the state-of-the-art equipment contained within this operation."

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Ribbon-cutting ceremony, featuring Kevin Scott, OSI executive vice president, North America, second from left. West Jordan Mayor Melissa K. Johnson holds the scissors while other OSI staff and West Jordan community members look on.

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