

# OSI ENTERS INTO CO-MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP WITH IMPOSSIBLE FOODS

## Alternative proteins are an addition to OSI's product portfolio

**Aurora, IL, USA, July 31, 2019** — Leading global food processor, OSI Group, and Impossible Foods, makers of the award-winning Impossible<sup>TM</sup> Burger, launched a comanufacturing partnership today.

Impossible Foods announced today that OSI will begin producing the Impossible™ Burger at multiple OSI plants starting next month and continue to expand production of Impossible Foods' products throughout 2019 and thereafter.

"As a <u>leading global protein provider</u>, OSI is proud to partner with Impossible Foods on production of plant-based proteins to meet the demands of a growing market in line with consumer trends," said Kevin Scott, Senior Executive Vice President, OSI North America. "We are a customer-centric company, and our mission is to supply our customers with world-leading protein products, working together to produce the best proteins for each market."

OSI has extensive capabilities to source, develop, produce and distribute custom food solutions worldwide. The privately held company, based in Aurora, Illinois, has more than 65 facilities in 17 countries.

"We conducted an exhaustive due diligence process to determine how to scale our manufacturing and were thoroughly impressed with OSI's <u>commitment to quality</u> and responsiveness," said Impossible Foods Senior Vice President of Product and Operations, Sheetal Shah.

As OSI expands its product offering to include alternative proteins, David McDonald, President and Chief Operating Officer of OSI, reiterated OSI's commitment to farmers around the world, saying, "Expanding into plant-based proteins is an addition to our company's product offering, not a replacement. OSI is committed to supporting sustainable farming and agriculture and will continue to put <a href="sustainability">sustainability</a> for all our supply chains and operations at the forefront of our mission."

## **About Impossible Foods:**

Based in California's Silicon Valley, Impossible Foods makes delicious, nutritious meat and dairy products from plants. The privately held company was founded in 2011 by Patrick O. Brown, M.D., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry at Stanford University and a former Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. Investors include Khosla Ventures, Bill Gates, Google Ventures, Horizon Ventures, UBS, Viking Global Investors, Temasek, Sailing Capital, and Open Philanthropy Project.

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#### **About OSI**

OSI Group, LLC is a 100-plus year old, privately held corporation that is a global leader in supplying value-added protein items and other food products to leading foodservice and retail brands. The company currently has more than 65 facilities in 17 countries and territories, with its global headquarters located in Aurora, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.