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Family Owned Baltimore Manufacturing Company, Tulkoff Food Products, Wins Melting Pot Award

New Orleans – The Melting Pot presented Tulkoff Food Products with the Vendor Partner of the Year award on Oct. 8, 2009. Tulkoff is a new addition to The Melting Pot vendor list, providing customized sauces and dressings to their restaurants nationwide.

This partnership started with Tulkoff's research and development team working with The Melting Pot's manager of culinary development, Shane Schaibly, to commercialize four sauces used in the restaurants – House Dressing, Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette, Teriyaki Glaze and Ginger Plum Sauce. Three of these sauces were then converted into retail products to bring The Melting Pot experience into guests' homes. Tulkoff also works with The Melting Pot to create specialty sauces used in the limited time, Big Night Out menus.

Tulkoff's president, Philip Tulkoff, is "excited to win this award and to see how much the company has grown." In March of 2008, Tulkoff moved to a new headquarters and state of the art manufacturing facility in East Baltimore not far from where the company first started. Now able to offer turnkey solutions, Tulkoff provided The Melting Pot with a quality experience, assisting the restaurant franchise in many areas from product development to packaging construction.

About Tulkoff Food Products, Inc.

Tulkoff Food Products is a family owned business that has manufactured sauces and condiments for over 75 years. First known for their famous horseradish, Tulkoff has expanded their foodservice reach to include garlic, ginger, pesto, seafood sauces and horseradish spreads. Tulkoff has two plants located in Maryland and California to support retail, foodservice, and industrial manufacturing needs.

About The Melting Pot Restaurants Inc.

With 145 restaurants nationwide, existing locations in 37 states including the District of Columbia, and over 13 locations currently in development, The Melting Pot Restaurants Inc. is North America's premier fondue restaurant franchise. At The Melting Pot, fondue becomes a memorable four-course dining experience where patrons can dip into something different. Guests enjoy a choice of four flavorful fondue cooking styles and a variety of unique entrées combined with special dipping sauces. The menu also includes creamy cheese fondues, lively salads, fine wines and mouthwatering chocolate fondue desserts. Founded in 1975, The Melting Pot's corporate headquarters are in Tampa, Fla. For more information visit www.meltingpot.com or email info@meltingpot.com.

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