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Date: October 15, 2015
Subject: Release of Third Quarter Cocoa Grindings for 2015

This letter will confirm the Third quarter statistics given to the ICE Futures US.

	In Metric Tons		Increase	(Decrease)
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Cocoa Beans Ground	124,229	138,046	(13,817)	(10.01)
Aggregate Number of Plants Reporting	17	17	0	0.00

The Cocoa Grinds Report supplied by The National Confectioners Association has changed. Beginning with the report for the First Quarter 2009, the report will cover grinds for North America, including Canada, Mexico and the USA. In addition, the reports will no longer include Liquor and Butter Melted. New reporting companies and plants have been added (see attached).

Note: Due to the changes in ownerships of a manufacturing process, some of the prior year amounts have been combined. In addition, the Cocoa Beans Ground metric tons have been adjusted to reflect currently transmitted revised data for the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Quarterly Grindings Report Release Date Schedule for remainder of 2015:

4th Quarter 2015 01/21

Attached is a list of companies who responded to the survey this quarter.



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**LIST OF COMPANIES RESPONDING TO THIRD QUARTER OF 2015
COCOA PRODUCTS USE SURVEY**

Barry Callebaut

Guittard Chocolate Co.

The Blommer Chocolate Co.

The Hershey Company

Cargill Cocoa & Chocolate Co.

Mars Chocolate North America

ECOM

Nestle Chocolate & Confections

Ghirardelli Chocolate Co.