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Papa John's Promotes Tony Thompson to Senior Vice President, PJ Food Service

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 28, 2009-- Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) today announced the promotion of Tony Thompson to Senior Vice President, to lead PJ Food Service, the company's wholly-owned food service production and distribution company. Thompson succeeds Julie Larner, who has served as President of PJ Food Service since 2004, and who is leaving to pursue other interests after 17 years with the company.

Thompson will report to Founder and Chief Executive Officer, John Schnatter, and be responsible for leading all aspects of the company's dough production and distribution activities, including Quality Control Center operations and Strategic Supply Chain management. Thompson will also oversee Preferred Marketing Solutions, Papa John's printing and promotional subsidiary, under the continued leadership of Vice President Sean Muldoon.

"We thank Julie Larner for her many years of loyal service to the Papa John's system," said John Schnatter, Papa John's Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Julie has made some outstanding contributions to our system over the years. We wish Julie the very best in all of her future endeavors."

Thompson has served as Vice President, Quality Control Center Operations for Papa John's since 2006. In this role, Thompson was responsible for leading the company's production and distribution functions, including engineering, logistics and overseeing operations at the company's ten Quality Control Center facilities.

Prior to joining Papa John's, Thompson worked for the Scotts Company for six years as Plant Manager, Director of Marysville Operations, and Director of Lawn and Controls Operations. Before joining the Scotts Company, Thompson spent four years with Conagra Grocery Products Company where he held positions as Operations Leader, Manufacturing Manager and Plant Manager. He also spent seven years in various roles with Gulf Coast Coca Cola.

"Tony Thompson is a talented leader and will do an outstanding job leading this very important aspect of our business," commented Jude Thompson, Papa John's President and Chief Operating Officer. (Jude Thompson and Tony Thompson are not related). "We know Tony and his team will continue to give our operators the fresh dough and other superior-quality ingredients to help our operators deliver on our 'Better Ingredients. Better Pizza' brand promise."

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Papa John's International, Inc. is the world's third largest pizza company. For nine years running, consumers have rated Papa John's No. 1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains in the highly regarded American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). Papa John's also ranks first among pizza companies in the 2008 Brand Keys Customer Loyalty Engagement Index, was honored by Restaurants & Institutions Magazine (R&I) with the 2008 Silver Award for Consumers' Choice in Chains in the pizza segment, and was named 2007 Pizza Today Chain of the Year. For more information about the company or to order pizza online, visit Papa John's at www.papajohns.com.

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