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Papa John's Announces Management Team Promotions

Tim North named Senior Vice President, North American Operations; Annette Calhoun, Vice President, Human Resources; and Dennis Gerstner, Division Vice President, North Division

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sep 18, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) today announced three promotions from within the company on its management team: Tim North to Senior Vice President, North American Operations; Annette Calhoun, to Vice President, Human Resources; and Dennis Gerstner, to Division Vice President, North Division. North will report to Bill Mitchell in his capacity as President, Global Operations; Calhoun will report to Papa John's President and Chief Operating Officer, Jude Thompson; and Gerstner will report to North.

"We are pleased to round out our management team with these talented individuals," said Papa John's President and Chief Operating Officer, Jude Thompson. "Tim North and Dennis Gerstner are both talented operators who know the Papa John's system well and, quite simply, know how to run great pizza restaurants. Annette Calhoun knows our culture and I am confident she will do a great job leading our HR team."

North has been with Papa John's since 2005 serving as Division Vice President, North Division, leading the division's operations and development efforts that have resulted in increasing market share, development and profitability. In his new capacity, North will be responsible for overseeing all franchise and corporate operations in the U.S. and Canada. Prior to Papa John's, North spent most of his career in the foodservice industry most recently serving as General Manager, Northeast US for Pizza Hut from 2003 to 2005.

"Tim North has proven himself to be an outstanding operator who is committed to profitable sales and growth, and who has earned the trust and respect of his peers and franchisees," said Mitchell. "I look forward to continuing to work with Tim as he spreads his enthusiasm and commitment to the rest of our North American operations."

Gerstner joined Papa John's in 2001, and since 2006, has served as Vice President of Nontraditional Operations, overseeing expansion and operations in stadium and other nontraditional venues. From 2001 to 2006, he served in various other roles within the company, including Vice President OSST, Operations Vice President and Director of Operations.

Calhoun joined Papa John's in 1999 and has served in various roles in Human Resources for the company, including Senior Director of Benefits since 2005. Calhoun has more than 18 years of management and human resources experience in various industries including hospitality, legal and restaurant. Prior to joining Papa John's, Calhoun served as the head of Human Resources for Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, a Louisville-based regional law firm, where she was responsible for managing all aspects of the firm's human resources function.

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Papa John's is the world's third largest pizza company. For nine of the last 10 years, consumers have rated Papa John's No. 1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains in the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). Papa John's was honored by Restaurants & Institutions Magazine (R&I) with the 2009 Gold Award for Consumers' Choice in Chains in the pizza segment, ranked first among pizza companies in the 2008 Brand Keys Customer Loyalty Engagement Index 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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