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Cargill kicks off football event with Chelsea Foundation in Tema, Ghana

TEMA, GHANA — 10 February 2011 – Cargill is hosting a week long football event starting on 8 February, with participants from six schools within the Tema region. Coaches from the Chelsea FC Foundation will be providing the children and their teachers with football training and advice throughout the week.

The event, organised and funded by Cargill's cocoa and chocolate business based in Tema will see three Chelsea Foundation coaches running a number of activities. These include coaching the children to enhance their football skills, holding a 'master class' training session for football and physical education coaches and rounding off the week with a gala football tournament. The gala will provide the children with the opportunity not only to put the skills they have learned into practice, but also gives them the opportunity to compete for football and educational prizes donated by Chelsea and Cargill.

"At Cargill, we are committed to supporting and enriching local communities where we operate. One of our key focus areas is to promote healthy lifestyles, particularly for children, so we are delighted to be hosting a sports event that involves so many young people", says Kojo Amoo-Gottfried, managing director, Cargill Ghana Ltd. "We are extremely grateful to the Chelsea Foundation for its support and look forward to an exhilarating few days."

Cargill has built up a relationship with the Chelsea Foundation through working together on community projects close to Cargill's office and Chelsea's training ground in Cobham in the UK. The participation from the Chelsea Foundation coaches will help improve the skills of many young aspiring football players as well as being motivating and fun.

Simon Taylor, Head of the Chelsea Foundation said: “The Chelsea Foundation is proud of the way we use football to help communities throughout the world. We believe that football is much more than just a game. It can help bring people together as well as educate, motivate and inspire young people to develop their potential – not just as players but also as people.”

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Notes for editors:

Cargill

Cargill is an international producer and marketer of food, agricultural, financial and industrial products and services. Founded in 1865, the privately held company employs 131,000 people in 66 countries. Cargill helps customers succeed through collaboration and innovation, and is committed to sharing its global knowledge and experience to help meet economic, environmental and social challenges wherever it does business.

For more information, visit <http://www.cargill.com>.

Cargill in Ghana

Cargill began operating in Ghana in 2008 with the opening of its world class cocoa processing facility in Tema. The plant has an annual processing capacity of 65,000 metric tonnes with the potential to expand to 120,000. Cargill in Ghana employs around 200 permanent staff, 200 daily contractors and many more are indirectly employed, supporting Ghana’s growing economy.

Cargill Cocoa & Chocolate

Cargill Cocoa & Chocolate offers the food industry a wide range of both standard and customised cocoa and chocolate ingredients to be used in bakery, confectionery, and dairy applications all over the world. Its product range includes high quality Gerken’s® cocoa powders, chocolate, coatings, fillings, cocoa liquors and cocoa butters. With years of experience in technical food expertise Cargill supports its customers in new recipes and new product development.

To secure a good quality and sustainable supply of cocoa beans Cargill has cocoa bean sourcing operations in the cocoa growing countries of the world and besides Ghana, has processing plants in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Germany, the Netherlands, UK and the USA - fully dedicated to produce in accordance with the highest food safety standards and resulting in delicious cocoa and chocolate products for its customers.

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