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Smithfield Foods, Inc. Statement Regarding Animal Cloning

Smithfield, Virginia (January 15, 2008)-In response to the Federal Drug Administration's announcement today that meat products from cloned animals are safe for human consumption, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (NYSE:SFD) reiterated earlier statements that the company is not planning to produce meat products from cloned animals. The science involved in cloning animals is relatively new. As thoughtful leaders in our industry, we will continue to monitor further scientific research on this technology.

Throughout our long history we have been very diligent and measured in making decisions that affect our customers and our reputation. We are committed to maintaining our focus on the development and improvement of our meat products through careful selective breeding and genetic research.

With sales of \$12 billion, Smithfield is the leading processor and marketer of fresh pork and processed meats in the United States, as well as the largest producer of hogs. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com.