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SPARKS, Md., Aug. 23, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --

Valentin Ramirez, formerly with the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, has been appointed to the new position of Vice President/Managing Director Consumer Hispanic Markets, Americas for McCormick and Company, Inc., (NYSE:MKC) it was announced by McCormick Chairman, President and CEO Alan Wilson

With Wrigley, Mr. Ramirez was most recently Managing Director-Spain/Portugal. Prior to his seven and a half years with Wrigley, Mr. Ramirez was with Procter and Gamble for 10 years in a number of assignments through the Caribbean and Latin America.

In this new position with McCormick since May, Mr. Ramirez has responsibility for all McCormick's Hispanic businesses, including a joint venture in Mexico, a business in Central America, a Hispanic subsidiary (Molave Foods) and export business in the United States, South America and the Caribbean.

"We see significant growth opportunities for our brands with Hispanic consumers," said Mark Timble, President - North American Consumer Foods. "Valentin will provide the strategic leadership to capitalize on these growth opportunities."

Mr. Ramirez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rice University and an MBA from the University of Texas.

About McCormick

McCormick & Company, Incorporated (www.mccormickcorporation.com) is a global leader in the manufacture, marketing and distribution of spices, seasonings, specialty foods and flavors to the entire food industry - retail outlets, food manufacturers and food service businesses.

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