

Brooks, Houghton Advises on the Combined Sale of Ohio Pet Foods and Southern Tier Pet Nutrition to BrightPet Nutrition Group and Graham Partners



Transaction Summary

Brooks, Houghton & Company, Inc. ("BHC") is pleased to announce the acquisitions of Ohio Pet Foods, Inc. ("OPF"), Southern Tier Pet Nutrition LLC ("STPN") and the brands of Blackwood Pet Food, LLC ("Blackwood"), by BrightPet Nutrition Group, LLC ("BrightPet"), a leading developer, manufacturer, distributor and marketer of quality premium and super-premium pet foods serving domestic and international markets. The BrightPet platform was created by Graham Partners, Inc., who provided the growth investment and acquisition financing for the transaction. BHC served as the exclusive financial advisor to OPF, STPN and Blackwood in connection with this transaction.

About Ohio Pet Foods, Inc.

Based in Lisbon, Ohio, OPF is a family-owned business that has been manufacturing quality premium and super premium dog, cat and other pet foods for domestic and international markets. OPF specializes in the contract manufacturing of special, customized formulation products and private label pet foods through its 70,000 square foot facility. OPF also owns Blackwood.

About Blackwood Pet Food, LLC.

Blackwood Pet Food, a super premium pet food which is slow cooked in small batches. The private labels of Blackwood include the Blackwood brand, Adirondack and Makin' Trax.

About Southern Tier Pet Nutrition LLC

Based in Sherburne, New York, STPN is a leading contract manufacturer of premium, holistic, natural and organic pet foods. STPN provides strategic manufacturing and sourcing services for many pet brands via a 76,000 square foot facility. STPN is one of only a handful of United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") organic certified pet food producers in the United States.

About Graham Partners

Founded in 1988, Graham Partners is a Pennsylvania-based private investment firm that focuses on acquiring higher growth, middle-market consumer and industrial manufacturing-related companies. Graham Partners invests in businesses with advanced manufacturing technologies, innovative product development capabilities, and strong growth potential. Since its inception, Graham Partners has closed over eighty acquisitions, joint ventures, financings, and divestitures. The committed capital raised since inception through the Graham Partners funds together with Graham led co-investments totals approximately \$2 billion.

About Brooks, Houghton & Company, Inc.

Founded in 1989, Brooks, Houghton & Company, Inc. is a leading New York-based merchant bank. Brooks, Houghton provides investment banking services and direct investments to middle market and emerging growth companies. The firm is highly experienced in mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity capital raising, and corporate finance matters, as well as principal investing through various mezzanine debt funds managed by its senior personnel. The firm's broker/dealer, Brooks Houghton Securities, Inc., is a member of FINRA and SIPC. Please visit www.brookshoughton.com for more information on the firm and its services.

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