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Some of the statements in this document are "forward-looking" and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provision of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These "forward-looking" statements include statements relating to (1) the impact the companies expect the proposed transaction to have on earnings per share, (2) the companies' expectations about their ability to successfully integrate the combined businesses, (3) the amount of cost savings and overall operational efficiencies the companies expect to realize as a result of the proposed transaction, (4) when the companies expect to close the proposed transaction, (5) the level of divestitures necessary to obtain regulatory approval, (6) the companies' projected combined sales, EBITDA and margins, (7) the ability of the companies to implement and continue branding initiatives and product innovations in a cost effective manner, (8) the ability of the companies to obtain financing for the transaction upon the terms contemplated, and (9) the ability to meet their stated financial goals. These statements involve risks and uncertainties which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in these statements. The ability to achieve the earnings per share projected and to realize projected cost savings and operational efficiencies is dependent upon their ability in the time periods projected, to (i) consolidate or reduce certain administrative or centralized functions, (ii) obtain certain goods and services more cost effectively, (iii) shift production and distribution between operating locations without disruption in their operations or in their relations with their customers, and (iv) close the proposed transactions on the terms contemplated. The ability to close the proposed transaction in the third quarter is subject to receipt of shareholder approval and regulatory approval. The level of divestitures necessary to obtain regulatory approval of the transaction is subject to the extent of competition in the various markets in which the combining companies operate, as determined by the Department of Justice, other regulatory authorities and potentially, state and federal courts. The ability of the companies to achieve projected combined sales, EBITDA and margins is dependent upon the ability of the combining companies to maintain their existing customer and other business relationships or to replace such customers or business relationships with other comparable relationships and upon economic, governmental and competitive conditions generally. The ability of the companies to obtain financing and the terms of such financing is subject to the financial condition and operating performance of each of the combining companies prior to closing and to economic and financial market conditions generally. Other risks affecting the business of the companies are identified in their filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Suiza Foods Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 and the Dean Foods Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 28, 2000. All forward-looking statements in

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this press release speak only as of the date hereof. Suiza and Dean Foods expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any such statements to reflect any change in their expectations or any changes in the events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

Other Legal Information

Suiza and Dean Foods have filed with the SEC a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. In addition, Suiza and Dean Foods will prepare and file a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger transaction. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THE DEFINITIVE

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JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AS WELL AS ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors will be able to obtain the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC free of charge at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). In addition, definitive the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed by Suiza and Dean Foods with the SEC may be obtained free of charge by contacting Suiza Foods Corporation, 2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Investor Relations (tel 214-303-3400), or Dean Foods, 3600 North River Road, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, Attn: Corporate Secretary (tel 847-678-1680).

Suiza, Dean Foods and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Suiza and Dean Foods in connection with the transaction. The directors and executive officers of Suiza and their beneficial ownership of Suiza common stock are set forth in the proxy statement for the 2001 annual meeting of Suiza. The directors and executive officers of Dean Foods and their beneficial ownership of Dean Foods common stock are set forth in the proxy statement for the 2000 annual meeting of Dean Foods. You may obtain the proxy statements of Suiza and Dean Foods free of charge at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Stockholders of Suiza and Dean Foods may obtain additional information regarding the interest of such participants by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

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NEWS RELEASE

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SUIZA FOODS CORPORATION DELIVERS \$1.11
IN SECOND QUARTER DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

Suiza Announces \$1.31 in Diluted Cash Earnings Per Share

DALLAS, Aug. 7 /PRNewswire/ -- Suiza Foods Corporation (NYSE: SZA), the nation's leading dairy processor and distributor, today announced net sales totaled \$1.5 billion for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, an increase of 6.5% over the second quarter of 2000. Diluted earnings per share before non-recurring items for the quarter totaled \$1.11, an increase of 4.7% from \$1.06 in the second quarter of 2000.

Diluted cash earnings per share for the second quarter increased 4.8% to \$1.31. The calculation of cash earnings per share excludes amortization of goodwill and certain intangibles as if the recently issued Financial Accounting Standard No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" had been effective for the periods.

"Our operating units delivered another quarter of strong results despite a very challenging raw material environment," said Gregg Engles, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Suiza Foods. "Butterfat averaged \$2.10 per pound, up 63% over last year, and raw milk costs increased 25% to \$14.21 per hundred weight. This is clearly one of the most difficult operating environments we have experienced, and in light of these conditions, our performance is a real tribute to the strength of our management team."

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During the second quarter of 2000, the company recorded a one-time pretax gain of \$3.6 million related to the curtailment of certain benefit plans. This gain had a \$1.4 million impact net of taxes and minority interest, equal to \$0.03 per diluted share. Excluding this gain, diluted earnings per share and diluted cash earnings per share would have increased 7.8% and 7.6% respectively in the second quarter period.

Second quarter consolidated operating income before non-recurring items totaled \$102.9 million, or 6.7% of sales, compared with \$104.5 million reported in the second quarter of 2000. Excluding the curtailment gain, operating income would have increased 1.9%, and operating margins would have declined 30 basis points. The margin decline is due primarily to significantly higher raw material costs in the current period.

Sales for the first six months of 2001 totaled \$3.0 billion, an increase of 6.1% over last year. Operating income before non-recurring items grew 2.8% to \$187.6 million. Before non-recurring items, diluted earnings per share totaled \$1.92, an increase of 8.5% over last year, and diluted cash earnings per share totaled \$2.33, an increase of 8.9%.

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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- o In May, the company announced an agreement with Procter & Gamble to launch and market Folgers Jakada(TM), a chilled coffee drink made from Folgers coffee and lowfat milk. Under this new licensing agreement Morningstar Foods will produce, promote and distribute Folgers Jakada, and P&G will receive a licensing fee generated from all Folgers Jakada sales while retaining ownership of the Folgers trademark. The company expects to launch Folgers Jakada in the fourth quarter of this year.
- o In July, Suiza filed a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with its proposed merger with Dean Foods (NYSE: DF). The company intends to finalize and mail the proxy statement/prospectus to its shareholders in mid August. A separate press release was issued today to provide additional information regarding the company's merger with Dean Foods.
- o On July 31, the company completed the syndication of its \$2.7 billion bank financing. The proceeds will be used to provide funding for the Dean Foods transaction and to provide funds for general corporate purposes.

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CONFERENCE CALL WEBCAST

A conference call to discuss the company's second quarter financial performance and the outlook for the balance of the year, including an update on the company's pending merger with Dean Foods, will be held at 10:00 a.m. eastern today. The call may be heard live by visiting the "Conference Calls and Webcasts" section of the company web site at www.suizafoods.com.

Suiza Foods Corporation, based in Dallas, is the nation's leading dairy processor and distributor, producing a full line of company-branded and customer-branded products. National brands include International Delight(R), Second Nature(R), Naturally Yours(R), Mocha Mix(R), Sun Soy(TM), kidsmilk(TM) and fitmilk(R). Regional brands include Adohr Farms(R), Barbe's(R), Broughton(R), Brown's Dairy(TM), Country Delite(R), Country Fresh(R), Dairy Gold(R), Dairyman's(R), Flav-O-Rich(R), Garelick Farms(R), Hygeia(R), Lehigh Valley Farms(R), London's(R), Meadow Gold(R), Model Dairy(R), Oak Farms(R), Poudre Valley(R), Robinson(R), Schenkel's All Star Dairy, Schepps(R), Shenandoah's Pride(R), Suiza Dairy(R), Swiss Dairy(TM), Louis Trauth Dairy(R), Tuscan(R) and Velda Farms(R), as well as Celta(R) in Spain. Suiza also sells products under partner or licensed brands in certain regions, including Borden(R), Foremost(R) and Pet(R). Additionally, the company owns approximately 43% of Consolidated Container Company, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of rigid plastic containers.

Forward-Looking Statement

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contemplated depends primarily on the company's ability to obtain regulatory approval for the transaction on the terms and within the timeframe contemplated. Other risks relating to the proposed merger with Dean Foods are identified in the joint press release of the company and Dean Foods filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission with its Form 8-K dated April 5, 2001, as amended on April 10, 2001. The forward-looking statements in this press release speak only as of the date of this release. Suiza expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to such statements to reflect any change in its expectations with regard thereto or any changes in the events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

Other Legal Information

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of charge by contacting Dean Foods, 3600 North River Road, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, Attention: Investor Relations (Tel: 847-678-1680) or Suiza Foods, 2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attention: Investor Relations (Tel: 800-431-9214).

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SUIZA FOODS CORPORATION
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
(IN THOUSANDS)

JUNE 30,

DECEMBER 31,

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ASSETS	2001	2000
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Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,938	\$ 31,110
Other current assets	795,980	786,821
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Total current assets	818,918	817,931
Property, plant & equipment	1,006,372	1,003,769
Intangibles & other assets	1,935,678	1,958,778
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Total Assets	\$ 3,760,968	3,780,478
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 LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Total current liabilities	\$ 689,071	\$ 699,908
Long-term debt	1,135,583	1,225,045
Other long-term liabilities	171,553	157,816
Mandatorily redeemable TIPES	584,323	584,032
Minority interest in subsidiaries	524,271	514,845
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock	277	273
Additional paid-in-capital	182,151	166,381
Retained earnings	489,983	433,309
Other comprehensive income	(16,224)	(1,111)
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Total stockholders' equity	656,187	598,832
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Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 3,760,968	\$ 3,780,478
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SEGMENT INFORMATION
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED		SIX MONTHS
	JUNE 30,		JUNE 30,
	2001	2000	2001
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Revenue			
Suiza Dairy Group	\$ 1,242,045	\$ 1,165,529	\$ 2,444,862
Morningstar Foods	186,203	169,440	359,702
Corporate / Other	98,826	99,385	196,863
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Consolidated	\$ 1,527,074	\$ 1,434,354	\$ 3,001,427
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Operating Income before Non-Recurring Items			
Suiza Dairy Group	\$ 75,930	\$ 82,299	\$ 149,655
Morningstar Foods	24,748	23,337	46,265

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Corporate / Other	2,224	(1,130)	(2,297)
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Consolidated	\$ 102,902	\$ 104,506	\$ 187,623
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SUIZA FOODS CORPORATION
(DOLLAR IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED		SI
	JUNE 30,		
	2001	2000	2001
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Net sales	\$ 1,527,074	\$ 1,434,354	\$ 3,000,000
Cost of sales	1,163,947	1,074,136	2,280,000
Gross profit	363,127	360,218	710,000
Operating costs and expenses	260,225	255,712	530,000
Plant closing costs	--	1,190	--
Operating income	102,902	103,316	180,000
Interest expense & financing charges on preferred securities	34,329	35,309	70,000
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(1,186)	(3,535)	(7,000)
Other (income) expense	(189)	(528)	(3,000)
Income before income taxes and minority interest	69,948	72,070	110,000
Income taxes	25,982	27,700	40,000
Minority interest	9,363	10,837	10,000
Net income before extraordinary items	34,603	33,533	50,000
Extraordinary gain	--	--	--
Cumulative effect of accounting change	--	--	(1,000)
Net income	\$ 34,603	\$ 33,533	\$ 50,000
Net income before non-recurring items	\$ 34,603	\$ 34,352	\$ 50,000
Diluted EPS before non-recurring items	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.00
Diluted cash EPS before non-recurring items	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.00
Basic earnings per share:			
Income before extraordinary items	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.00
Extraordinary gain	--	--	--
Cumulative effect of accounting change	--	--	--
Net income	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.00
Basic average common shares (000's)	27,560	28,897	20,000

Diluted earnings per share:

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Income before extraordinary items	\$	1.11	\$	1.04	\$
Extraordinary gain		--		--	
Cumulative effect of accounting change		--		--	
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Net income	\$	1.11	\$	1.04	\$
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Diluted average common shares (000's)		36,114		37,322	3
Summary Financial Information:					
Depreciation	\$	24,008	\$	24,052	\$ 4
Amortization of intangibles	\$	13,457	\$	12,994	\$ 2
Amortization shown in interest expense	\$	666	\$	1,141	\$