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Kalsec® U.S. Grown Crops Sustainably Sourced

KALAMAZOO, MI USA May 14, 2018– As a first milestone since joining the SAI (Sustainable Agriculture Initiative) Platform in 2017, Kalsec® has worked with its U.S. growers to implement SAI Platform’s FSA 2.0 tool (Farm Sustainability Assessment). The FSA 2.0 tool evaluates sustainable farming practices covering environmental, economic and social aspects and is a widely recognized assessment in the food and beverage industry.

All farms growing Kalsec® crops in Texas and Oklahoma have now completed the assessment process, and received an FSA Silver level rating. Crops rated as part of this assessment include: carrot, chili peppers, paprika, rosemary and beetroot, all traceable back to the farm and field.

“Responsible sourcing is an integral part of the Kalsec® social responsibility strategy. It is great to see sustainable farming practices recognized in a way we can share with our stakeholders,” says Jim Justice, vice president of corporate responsibility and resource management.

As the primary global food value chain initiative for sustainable agriculture, SAI Platform has more than 90 members representing different parts of the value chain, including cooperatives, traders, retailers, processors and brand companies, and addressing all dimensions of sustainable agriculture globally. The SAI Platform is a member-driven organization that draws on the experience and expertise from its members to ensure that sustainable agriculture establishes itself as the answer to one of today’s important challenges.

Kalsec® is the leading global producer of natural spice and herb flavor extracts, colors, antioxidants, and advanced hop products for the food and beverage industry. Since 1958, Kalsec® has consistently delivered high-quality, innovative ingredient solutions that make products look better, taste better and last longer while respecting the people and planet in which we live. Kalsec® is headquartered in Kalamazoo, Mich., with facilities in the United States, Europe and Asia. For more information, visit www.kalsec.com.

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