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PRESS RELEASE

Pinnacle Foods Announces that the Condition for the Redemption of All of Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC and Pinnacle Foods Finance Corp.'s Outstanding \$350,000,000 5.875% Senior Notes due 2024 Has Not Yet Been Satisfied

PARSIPPANY, N.J. - October 22, 2018

Pinnacle Foods Inc. (<u>"Pinnacle Foods"</u>) today provided an update regarding the notice of conditional full redemption dated October 5, 2018 (the <u>"Notice of Redemption"</u>) to redeem all 5.875% Senior Notes due 2024 (the <u>"Notes"</u>) of Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC and Pinnacle Foods Finance Corp. (together, the <u>"Issuers"</u>). An aggregate principal amount of \$350,000,000 of the Notes is currently outstanding and the redemption price would equal 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Additional Interest, if any, to, but excluding, the Redemption Date (all capitalized terms as defined in the Notice of Redemption). The redemption of the Notes is conditioned (the <u>"Acquisition Condition"</u>) upon the consummation of the acquisition (the <u>"Acquisition"</u>) of Pinnacle Foods by Conagra Brands, Inc. ("Conagra") pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 26, 2018, among Pinnacle Foods, Conagra Brands, Inc. and Patriot Merger Sub Inc. (the <u>"Acquisition Agreement"</u>).

Pinnacle Foods today announced that the Acquisition Condition will not be satisfied or waived by the Issuers on or prior to October 23, 2018. Pinnacle Foods will hold a meeting of its stockholders to vote to approve the Acquisition Agreement on October 23, 2018. As contemplated in the Notice of Redemption, the Issuers have delayed the Redemption Date until October 24, 2018 (as it may be further delayed as described below, the "Revised Redemption Date"). In the Issuers' sole discretion, the Revised Redemption Date may be delayed until the consummation of the Acquisition, or the redemption of the Notes may not occur and the Notice of Redemption may be rescinded in the event that the Acquisition Agreement is terminated or the Acquisition is otherwise not consummated by December 4, 2018 (the date that is 60 days following the date of the Notice of Redemption).

5.875% Senior Secured Notes due 2024

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Additional Information and Where to Find It

The proposed transaction involving Conagra and Pinnacle Foods will be submitted to Pinnacle Foods' stockholders for their consideration. In connection with the proposed transaction, Conagra has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 on July 25, 2018, as amended on August 31, 2018 and September 13, 2018 (the "Amended Registration Statement") (which Amended Registration Statement was declared effective on September 17, 2018), which includes a final prospectus with respect to shares of Conagra common stock to be issued in the proposed transaction, and Pinnacle Foods has filed the definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on September 17, 2018 (as supplemented by the Form 8-K filed by Pinnacle Foods with the SEC on September 27 2018, the "Definitive Proxy Statement") and mailed it to its stockholders beginning on September 18, 2018. Both Pinnacle Foods and Conagra may file other documents regarding the proposed transaction with the SEC. This communication is not intended to be, and is not, a substitute for such filings or for any other document that Conagra or Pinnacle Foods may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING THE AMENDED REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The Amended Registration Statement and the Definitive Proxy Statement and other relevant materials and any other documents filed or furnished by Conagra or Pinnacle Foods with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Amended Registration Statement and the Definitive Proxy Statement from Conagra by going to its investor relations page on its corporate web site at www.conagrabrands.com and from Pinnacle Foods by going to its investor relations page on its corporate web site at www.pinnaclefoods.com.

Participants in Solicitation

Conagra, Pinnacle Foods, their respective directors and certain of their respective executive officers and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about Conagra's directors and executive officers is set forth in its definitive proxy statement for its 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on August 9, 2018, and information about Pinnacle Foods' directors and executive officers is set forth in its definitive proxy statement for its 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 20, 2018. These documents are available free of charge from the sources indicated above, and from Conagra by going to its investor relations page on its corporate web site at www.conagrabrands.com and from Pinnacle Foods by going to its investor relations page on its corporate web site at www.pinnaclefoods.com. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction is included in the Amended Registration Statement, the Definitive Proxy Statement and other relevant materials Conagra and Pinnacle Foods file with the SEC.