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SWIFT & COMPANY NAMES MARK BATASKA AS VP TRANSPORTATION
Food Industry Logistics Veteran Further Strengthens Management Team

GREELEY, Colo., Sep. 13, 2005 – Swift & Company, the world’s second-largest processor of fresh beef and pork products, today announced the appointment of Mark Bataska as the Company’s vice president of transportation. Bataska, 52, joins Swift from Del Monte Foods, where he worked in various logistics positions during his twelve year tenure, culminating in the position of vice president of logistics. Previous to Del Monte Foods, Bataska worked in various supply chain roles with Dry Storage of Georgia, Campbell Soup Company, Warner-Lambert, and the Xerox Corporation. He is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago and holds an MBA in Operations Management from DePaul University.

Bataska will oversee all transportation operations for Swift & Company, including trucking, rail and water, both domestically and internationally. Additionally, he will be responsible for identifying and delivering innovative and effective transportation solutions to Swift’s customers.

“We are very pleased to have an executive of Mark Bataska’s caliber join the Swift & Company team,” said Dennis Henley, Swift & Company’s chief operating officer. “Mark is a proven industry leader in the area of food industry logistics and

transportation. His appointment further strengthens our management team as we continue our commitment to deliver leading products and services to our customers.”

About Swift & Company

Swift & Company is one of the world’s leading beef and pork companies – processing, preparing, packaging, marketing and delivering fresh, further processed and value-added beef and pork products to customers in the United States and international markets. For more information, please visit www.swiftbrands.com.

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