

**SAPUTO INC. COMPLETES THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ITS SUBSIDIARY CULINAR AND DARE FOODS**

(Montréal, July 16, 2001) Saputo Inc. today announced the closing of the partnership agreement between its subsidiary Culinar and Dare Foods. This transaction follows the June 18, 2001 announcement pursuant to which Dare Foods acquired the cookies, fine breads and soups operations of the Company's Grocery Products sector. In consideration therefor, Saputo obtains an interest of 21% in Dare Foods.

About Saputo

The largest dairy processor in Canada and one of the leading cheese producers in North America, Saputo Inc. is a public company operating in the dairy and grocery products sectors.

Active in international markets, the Company's Dairy Products sector markets and distributes mozzarella, as well as a comprehensive range of Italian, European and North American cheeses, fluid milk, yoghurt, butter, powdered milk, juices and whey by-products such as lactose and whey protein. In Canada, this sector also operates a specialized distribution network that offers clients a vast assortment of imported cheeses and non-dairy products in addition to Company lines. The main brands are *Saputo, Stella, Frigo, Dragone, Dairyland, Dairy Producers, Baxter, Armstrong, Caron* and *Cayer*. Dairy Products sector facilities include 36 plants in Canada and 15 in the United States.

Following this transaction, Saputo's Grocery Products sector markets and distributes a broad selection of snack cakes under the *Vachon* brand name. Facilities include two plants in Canada and a direct-to-store delivery network.

A dynamic, world class company, Saputo Inc. today employs over 7100 individuals. Company shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol SAP. For further information, please visit our website at www.saputo.com.

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