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International Foods and Ingredients, Inc., Gurnee, IL, is proud to announce its new partnership with Schneider GmbH, a German manufacturer of high quality tools and utensils for the bakery, pastry, and confectionery trade. This long-term partnership marks the first time Schneider's highly regarded products will be widely available in the U.S.

Based near Stuttgart, Germany, Schneider is a family-owned company founded in 1977 as a pioneer in siliconized baking paper. Since that time, they've expanded their offering to include a wide range of tools for the baking industry, and have since become one of the world's leading manufacturers of tools and utensils for the culinary professional.

IFI's initial selection of Schneider products comprises over 400 of their most popular items:

Decorating products, such as coated cotton fabric, nylon and synthetic pastry bags; disposable pastry bags; a wide selection of metal and plastic decorating tips; and storage racks and supports

Silicone baking mats and molds

Metal baking molds, featuring Walter brand nonstick-coated baking molds

Utensils, including pastry cutters, scrapers and spatulas, brushes, rolling pins and cutting rollers, bread proofing baskets, marzipan tools, cutting sheets, saws, grates and specialty molds

Baking and confectioner's knives

Presentation and display products, encompassing melamine trays, cake plates and stands, plastic ribbons, and cake protection

Chocolate tools, including molds, dipping forks, and confectionery slicing equipment

IFI will be the U.S. Importer and Master Distributor for Schneider products. Rick Brownstein, IFI's Director of Business Development, stated, "IFI's focus and primary mission is to provide a broad range of high quality products and unmatched customer care to the culinary professional. We pride ourselves on providing the world's best ingredients and tools through dedicated partnerships with the world's leading and most innovative manufacturers.

We are honored that this esteemed company has selected IFI to bring its products to the American marketplace. We look forward to introducing Schneider to our customers. Through our

new comprehensive catalog, web mini-site (www.ifigourmet.com/schneider) and knowledgeable customer service - we are excited to offer these fine tools."

International Foods and Ingredients, Inc., has for nearly twenty years been a trusted supplier to the American culinary professional in the bakery, pastry, confectionery, and foodservice industries. IFI is a leading importer and master distributor of high quality specialty and basic ingredients, semi-finished products, and tools and utensils through dedicated partnerships formed with the world's leading and most innovative manufacturers. A family owned business, IFI combines the world's best, most innovative products with industry expertise, reliability, and exemplary customer service.