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NORTHWEST ILLINOIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WELCOMES JUNGBUNZLAUER INTERNATIONAL

HANOVER, ILLINOIS – Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED), in partnership with Whiteside County, Illinois Economic Development, and the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone, together working as the Northwest Illinois Regional Economic Development Alliance (NIREDA), welcomes Jungbunzlauer International’s announcement of a binding agreement to acquire the International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF) production site in Thomson, Illinois, for a new multipurpose operation establishing their U.S. manufacturing footprint.

On September 2, 2025, Jungbunzlauer, a global leader in high-quality, sustainable ingredients from natural sources, based in Basel, Switzerland, announced the signing of a binding and definitive agreement to acquire the multipurpose production site in Thomson, Illinois from IFF.

“This acquisition is an important step in delivering on our strategic capacity expansion in North America,” said Bruno Tremblay, Chief Executive Officer of Jungbunzlauer. “Establishing a U.S. manufacturing footprint allows us to work closer to many of our U.S. customers, better understand their challenges and deliver solutions that truly make a difference.”

The asset deal does not include any of IFF’s commercial business, product lines or employees, and terms of the deal were not disclosed.

“Upon closing the transaction, our immediate focus will be on preparing the site for our specific production needs,” added Tremblay. “As we finalize our operational plans, we look forward to sharing updates, including information about future hiring.”

NIREDA began working with Jungbunzlauer in April 2025. For more information about their announcement or NIREDA, contact David Schmit, Regional Director at NWILED at 815-297-7361 or dschmit@nwiled.org.

ABOUT JUNGBUNZLAUER:

As your partner for ingredient and service excellence, we combine more than 150 years of fermentation expertise with an industry-leading commitment to sustainability. The result? We provide naturally derived, biodegradable solutions you can trust for manufacturing healthier, safer, tastier, and more sustainable products.

From acidulants and sweeteners to texturants and minerals & solutions, our portfolio includes a wide variety of bio-based ingredients that help create naturally better products for a range of industries, including food and beverage, nutrition, personal and home care, healthcare, and industrials in more than 130 markets around the world.

By continuously investing in sustainable innovation, state-of-the-art manufacturing processes, and comprehensive quality management, we are able to assure outstanding product quality and reliability and fulfill our purpose leading the way in developing naturally better ingredients that enhance everyday life.

ABOUT NWILED:

Northwest Illinois Economic Development was created by the Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors to spearhead economic development structures, funding and progress in Jo Daviess, Carroll, and Whiteside counties in Northwest Illinois. Now in its 16th year of successful service, NWILED continues to be a regional development entity concentrating on growing the economy and public/private partnerships.

NWILED promotes economic development by fostering business growth and assisting expanding and relocating businesses. The organization aids in determining these needs for growth with cooperation from government and business partners.

NWILED encourages entrepreneurs by assisting with access to resources to begin and grow their businesses and employs all available resources to create a welcoming business environment, aligning the skills of the available workforce with the needs of businesses, and building political and economic capital.

NWILED's commitment to success also produces programs, ventures and events that nurture educational business growth and overall business community involvement.

ABOUT THE NORTHWEST ILLINOIS REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE:

Northwest Illinois Economic Development, Whiteside County Economic Development, and the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone have formed the Northwest Illinois Regional Economic Development Alliance, a collaboration aimed at leading regional efforts to retain, expand, attract, and create businesses, strengthen workforce development, and enhance the quality of life across Northwest Illinois. It focuses on sustainable economic diversification, regional marketing, and leveraging infrastructure investments, including the expansion of broadband fiber, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, and tourism.