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### **DéliMAX obtains world's first SQF certification for milk-fed veal production**

(Saint-Hyacinthe, June 6, 2016)—Following its recent consolidation with Montpak International, industry leader Délimax announces it has obtained the world's first Safe Quality Food (SQF) certification for milk-fed veal production. The company strives to continuously improve its quality standards for livestock production, and with this certification, becomes North America's only livestock producer across all categories to be SQF-certified.

"Since Montpak's slaughterhouse and processing plant were already SQF-certified, it was only natural for us to extend the certification process to our production operations, to ensure our customers benefit from the same quality standards from the farm to the table," said Fabien Fontaine, president of Délimax Group.

It is important to point out that SQF is one of the world's most stringent food safety programs. It is recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative, which ensures standardization of food safety rules worldwide.

"We take great pride in this latest achievement. We knew the quality of our production was excellent, and the efforts we have made over a number of years have set us apart from the competition. Three years ago, when we implemented the Verified Veal program (HACCP) at our farms, we were already well positioned in the market. So far, 56 corporate farms have registered in the Verified Veal program, and the work continues. The addition of this new SQF certification further underscores the outstanding, unique quality of our production and processing operations," added Mr. Fontaine.

With the consolidation of Délimax and Montpak announced in December, the quality assurance programs implemented in recent years and investments of more than \$25 million in its livestock production infrastructures since 2010, the company can guarantee that the products it brings to market comply with the strictest food safety standards and best practices in animal welfare.

DéliMAX-Montpak's customers benefit from its more than 28 years of expertise in livestock production and 50 years in processing and marketing. Headed by three brothers—Alexandre, Donald and Fabien Fontaine—DéliMAX Group, along with its subsidiaries, is North America's leading veal producer and processor. With 85 corporate farms, close to 200 affiliated farms, more than 800 employees, and processing plants in Canada and the United States, the company has revenues of more than \$325 million. The Group's customers include some of the largest food distribution and sales companies in North America.

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