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Cargill Announces Supports for PADF and the Disaster Management Alliance

San Pedro Sula, Honduras (May 11, 2006) –Cargill announced today its support for the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) and its Disaster Management Alliance in Honduras. This is one of the first donations to the Alliance in this country. As a result, the Alliance can now help over 2,000 families in San Manuel rebuild and enhance their roadside drainage systems, improving their capacity to channel water away from roads and homes during the rainy season. The project should be completed before the end of the year.

Often heavy rains in this area cause flooding of neighborhoods because the community lacks adequate drainage systems. As a result, the families must go to shelters as their homes are consumed by floodwaters. This project will help the families live with greater security and fewer disruptions.

Since 2004, the Disaster Management Alliance has worked in countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean including Colombia, Costa Rica, and Trinidad & Tobago. Beginning in 2006, activities began in El Salvador, Haiti, and Honduras. The unique partnership engages the private sector in disaster mitigation, preparedness, and response.

The Alliance assists participating American Chambers of Commerce and other companies to select and raise resources for community vulnerability reduction projects—such as this activity in San Manuel; establish Disaster Management and Business Continuity Committees; develop plans for what to do before, during, and after a disaster; train companies in disaster management; and work effectively with emergency management authorities and communities.

Cargill is an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services. With 153,000 employees in 66 countries, the company is committed to using its knowledge and experience to collaborate with customers to help them succeed.

The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1962 through a unique partnership between the Organization of American States and private enterprise to promote, facilitate, and implement social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean through innovative partnerships and integrated involvement of the private and public sectors.

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