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20- May '2008, Purchase, New York - Maypro Group was recognized with the 2008 Exporter of the Year award by HSBC bank in its annual selection of outstanding exporters in various regions of the United States. The prestigious "Averell Harriman Award" was presented to Maypro at the annual 13th International Trade Award Dinner hosted by the World Trade Council. The award was named in honor of former Secretary of Commerce under President Harry S. Truman who made a significant contribution to promoting U.S. export activities to global markets.

Maypro is already well-recognized as the leading U.S. importer of nutraceutical ingredients from Japan, China, India, Korea, Brazil and Europe. However, it is not as widely known that Maypro is a major exporter of ingredients manufactured in the U.S. into overseas markets worldwide. Maypro is the undisputed leader in exporting proprietary branded weight-loss ingredients into Japan and other Asian markets. Maypro introduced and built the market for such leading weight management products as Phase 2®, Tonalin®, NeOpuntia®, Cissus®, Liposan Ultra®, Metabromine and GCA®. In addition, Maypro has successfully marketed into Asia, products in other categories such as Biocell Collagen® and Neptune Krill Oil®.

"For the past 30 years, we have worked hard to grow our export business and sell more U.S.-made ingredients overseas" said Steve Yamada, the Founder and CEO of Maypro Group. "We are very proud to be recognized for all of our efforts, which helped U.S. companies sell more products overseas and create more jobs in the U.S."

About Maypro Group

In 1977, Steve Yamada envisioned the creation of a global distribution enterprise that would introduce innovative natural ingredients from Asia, Europe and the United States into world markets. Thirty years later, Steve Yamada has realized this vision. As the pioneer of such leading nutrients as Coenzyme-Q10, Glucosamine, Chondroitin, Alpha-lipoic acid and Active Hexose Correlated Compound (AHCC®), Maypro has established a strong reputation as an innovator and trusted partner for leading brand and contract manufacturers in the U.S., Japan, Asia, Europe, Latin America and other markets. Today, Maypro Group LLC operates six subsidiary companies strategically located in New York, Tokyo and Shanghai. In 2006, Maypro officially became a minority-owned affiliate of Marubeni Corporation, one of the largest Japanese conglomerates with over \$70 billion in annual sales and 124 offices worldwide. Leveraging this partnership, Maypro was further able to strengthen its position in Japanese market, to reinforce its global reach and to increase its sales activities in the rapidly growing functional food and beverage market segment.

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