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Corbion fortifies commitment to meat industry with addition of two seasoned sales directors

Newly recruited meat industry veterans bring even more experience and expertise to an already strong global team at Corbion.

With the addition of two new sales directors, Corbion continues its ascent as a leading ingredient solutions provider to the global meat and poultry industry. Joining the Corbion team in December are Courtney Botkin, Director of Sales, and Kevon Ledgerwood, Director of Sales.

“We’re excited about the work we’re doing in the meat industry, and the team we’re continuing to build behind that effort says a lot about the impact we can make for manufacturers,” said Mark Hotze, Vice President Sales North America. “There is no doubt that our customers will benefit from the knowledge and practical experience that Courtney and Kevon will bring to the Corbion team.”

Courtney Botkin, Director of Sales – Mr. Botkin is a 20-year veteran of the meat and food industry with a solid track record of matching manufacturers’ challenges with optimal ingredient solutions. He joins Corbion from his position at Fiberstar, where he led that company’s sales efforts in the North America region. Having worked extensively with shelf-life enhancement products, liquid smoke, and natural and organic ingredients, he has helped lead the development of clean label ingredients that enable manufacturers to satisfy consumer demands. A graduate of Missouri State University with a BS degree in Biology (emphasis in Microbiology) and a minor in Chemistry, Botkin has played key roles at notable ingredient companies that include Fleischmann’s Vinegar and Kerry Ingredients.

Kevon Ledgerwood, Director of Sales – For more than 30 years, Mr. Ledgerwood has worked in close collaboration with manufacturers in the processed meat and poultry industry. Most recently General Manager Business Development & Technical Services at WTI Inc., Ledgerwood now brings to Corbion a wealth of leadership experience in plant operations, sales, marketing and customer service. Since earning degrees from Oakland Community College (Detroit, MI) and Olivet College (Lansing, MI), he has accumulated a deep and multifaceted understanding of processor’s needs, including expertise in the prevention of pathogen outgrowth in processed, ready-to-eat meat and poultry products. Ledgerwood has played key roles at Thorn Apple Valley, Wolf-Tec Inc and Roger Wood Foods.

“Corbion’s bench strength in meat and poultry just continues to grow,” Hotze said. “With processors feeling challenged to meet the needs of the business and those of consumers at the same time, we have the products, solutions and the people to help them do it all.”

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Corbion: biobased solutions, designed by science, powered by nature, and delivered through dedication.

Corbion is the global market leader in lactic acid, lactic acid derivatives and lactides, and a leading company in emulsifiers, functional enzyme blends, minerals and vitamins. The company delivers high performance biobased products made from renewable resources and applied in global markets such as bakery, meat, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, home and personal care, packaging, automotive, coatings and adhesives. Its products have a differentiating functionality in all kinds of consumer products worldwide. In 2015, Corbion generated annual sales of € 918.3 million and had a workforce of 1,673 FTE. Corbion is listed on Euronext Amsterdam. For more information: www.corbion.com