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Graeter's Named 2011 Dairy Plant of the Year

-- Hixson client honored at International Dairy Show – September 19-21, 2011--

(CINCINNATI; September 19, 2011) – Hixson Architecture, Engineering, Interiors is proud to announce that Graeter's, a Hixson client, has been named 2011 Dairy Plant of the Year by Dairy Foods Magazine. Hixson designed Graeter's 28,000 sq. ft. plant and warehousing facility located in Bond Hill in 2010.

"Hixson brought us the expertise we needed to blend our 19th century manufacturing process with the latest 21st century dairy processing technology, allowing us to preserve the best about what makes Graeter's ice cream unique, yet at the same time realize the benefits of a modern dairy plant," said Richard Graeter, President and CEO of Graeter's.



"We are pleased that our client Graeter's has received this award," said Wick Ach, Hixson CEO and President. "From helping select the site for the plant through the completion of the project, we are honored to have been able to partner with the Graeter's team."

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Dairy Foods magazine cited several reasons for selecting Graeter's for this prestigious award, including its ability to grow – from selling its products to 33 local stores in 2007 to 4,500 stores throughout the country today. The award will be presented at the International Dairy Show September 19-21, 2011.

With 16 in-house, integrated disciplines, Hixson was uniquely positioned to help Graeter's. The Hixson-designed facility incorporates automated technology to help increase production, making it possible for the company to produce up to one million gallons of ice cream annually, while enabling the use of traditional made-by-hand processes that make Graeter's products irresistible.

The Dairy Foods profile on Graeter's as their 2011 Dairy Foods Plant of the Year can be found at http://www.dairyfoods.com/Articles/Feature_Article/BNP_GUID_9-5-2006_A_10000000000001091183.

ABOUT GRAETER'S

The fourth-generation family-owned Graeter's Ice Cream has been a Cincinnati institution for over 140 years. Made with high-quality, all natural ingredients like heavy cream and pure cane sugar, the iconic brand remains true to its traditional French Pot process, making the world's finest ice cream just two gallons at a time. It's the only way to achieve the irresistible creaminess that is Graeter's. Visit Graeter's online at www.graeter's.com.

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