Mars Chocolate & Wrigley Lead Confectionery Industry Evolution with Partnership for a Healthier America, Ensuring More Choice & Transparency for Consumers

*Mars Chocolate and Wrigley have committed over $200 million to continue leading on new product innovation under 200 calories, front-of-pack calorie labeling and consumer education*

WASHINGTON, DC—May 11, 2017—Mars Chocolate North America and Wrigley U.S. today announced the creation of the confectionery industry’s first and most significant consumer health and wellbeing standards and commitments. In collaboration with the Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) and other industry players including Nestle, Lindt, Ferrara and Ferrero, these commitments are all centered on offering consumers more product choice and transparency.

While consumers continue to enjoy treats, they are asking for more options and clearer labeling to meet their evolving personal health and wellbeing objectives. For Mars, it’s something the company has been steadily making progress on over the past decade, including being the first to introduce front-of-pack calorie labeling and remove “King Size” varieties, offering 100 calorie pack options of consumers’ favorite brands, and launching new innovations under 200 calories in recent weeks including both M&M’S® Caramel and MALTESERS®.

Taking the right steps forward has meant consistently leading and pushing the confectionery industry to raise its standards. This represents millions of dollars of investment and thousands of hours of research and implementation for Mars Chocolate and Wrigley to accomplish the following:

- First to implement a global marketing code, eliminating marketing to children under 12 (2007);
- First chewing gum to be awarded the American Dental Seal of Acceptance (2007);
- First to prominently display calories on front of all chocolate and confections packaging (2008);
- First to eliminate “King Size” offerings and replace with portionable “Sharing” options (2012);
- First to deliver 100 percent of single serve products below 250 calories per pack (2014);
- First manufacturer to endorse the World Health Organization’s guidance to limit sugar intake to 10 percent added sugar and support labeling in the U.S. (2015);
- First to commit to remove artificial colors from all food and confectionery products globally (2016).

“We began our relationship with Mars Food through Uncle Ben’s and Seeds of Change to increase healthier choices for families,” said Larry Soler, president and CEO of the Partnership for a Healthier America. “Today’s announcement extends to Mars Chocolate and Wrigley to help reduce calories and increase transparency, which will help all Americans have more choices.”

To keep building on this progress, Mars Chocolate and Wrigley have committed over $200 million to achieve the following:

- **Half of all Mars Chocolate and Wrigley individually wrapped products will be 200 calories or less by 2022.** This commitment can be seen in the recent launches of M&M’S® Caramel, MALTESERS®, M&M’S® Crispy and SNICKERS® Crisper, all of which are already under 200 calories, as well as new 100 calorie versions of SNICKERS®, MILKY WAY®, TWIX®, DOVE®, 3MUSKETEERS®, SKITTLES® and STARBURST®. Additionally, Wrigley’s existing gum and mints products provide treat-like experiences
between 5 to 25 calories to round out choices within the confection category. Continued progress on this commitment will be reported to PHA and shared publicly via independent, third-party verification on PHA’s Progress Report site.

- **Partner across industry to replace “King Size” with “Sharing Size” offerings, ensuring more portionable options.** While Mars was the first to replace “King Size” products with portionable “Sharing” or “For Sharing” options, the company is committed to working with its peers to follow its lead to use sharing language on pack while also ensuring more portionable options introduced from Mars. Examples include stand-up resealable pouches of M&M’S®, SKITTLES® and STARBURST® products that promote sharing, as well as “2 to GO” varieties of SNICKERS®, TWIX®, MILKY WAY® and 3MUSKETEERS®, which enable consumers to easily share and twist the seal for future consumption.

- **Education on candy as a treat, not an everyday snack or meal replacement.** In partnership with the National Confectioners Association, the industry will share easy-to-use information for consumers to better understand the role that confections can play in a balanced lifestyle, reinforcing that chocolate and confections are an occasional treat.

“Over the past decade we have been laser-focused on continuously pushing ourselves and our peers to offer consumers more choice and transparency while keeping the same great tastes and experiences our fans love,” said Tracey Massey, president of Mars Chocolate North America. “By joining forces with PHA and other leading confectionery manufacturers to create even deeper commitments, we are taking an important step forward to transform the entire industry so we can evolve to meet and exceed the demands of today’s consumers.”

In addition to these new commitments, Mars Food – makers of the UNCLE BEN’S® and SEEDS OF CHANGE® brands – is committed to helping people to lead healthier lives through a simple, but powerful goal. In 2016, Mars Food announced its Health & Wellbeing Ambition: to deliver one billion more healthy meals shared on dinner tables around the world. Mars Food is doing this by providing healthy meal options, inspiring healthy cooking and eating together, and helping the company’s Associates practice healthier habits. Through a six-year partnership, PHA will validate Mars Food’s progress towards its commitments in the U.S.

**About Mars, Incorporated**

Mars is a family-owned business with more than a century of history making diverse products and offering services for people and the pets people love. With almost $35 billion in sales, the company is a global business that produces some of the world’s best-loved brands: M&M’s®, SNICKERS®, TWIX®, MILKY WAY®, DOVE®, PEDIGREE®, ROYAL CANIN®, WHISKAS®, EXTRA®, ORBIT®, 5™, SKITTLES®, UNCLE BEN’S®, MARS DRINKS and COCOAVIA®. Mars also provides veterinary health services that include BANFIELD® Pet Hospitals. Headquartered in McLean, VA, Mars operates in more than 80 countries. The Mars Five Principles – Quality, Responsibility, Mutuality, Efficiency and Freedom – inspire its more than 85,000 Associates to create value for all its partners and deliver growth they are proud of every day.
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THE TREATS YOU LOVE, MADE EVEN BETTER
Mars Chocolate and Wrigley have been making your favorite treats even better for more than a decade.

WE WERE THE FIRST...

...to put calorie counts on the front of all packaging.

...to make 100% of single-serve products 250 calories or less.

...to support the World Health Organization’s 10% added sugar limitation and U.S. labeling.

...to eliminate “King Size” offerings and replace with portionable “Sharing” options.

...to commit to remove artificial colors from products globally.

...to have a global marketing code, with no marketing to children.

YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS MATTERS
And that’s why we’ve committed $200,000,000 to keep innovating better options for balanced choices.

Increasing portionable and resealable “Sharing Size” offerings.

Educating on candy as a treat, not an everyday snack or meal replacement.

Making 50% of single-serve products 200 calories or less by 2022.

At Mars, we’ve always believed in offering choice and transparency, so you can better choose how and when to treat yourself.
We are doing our part to improve the nutritional content of our well-loved products while also responding to consumers’ evolving preferences. As an industry leader, we want to help consumers make smart consumption choices. By paving the way to address issues around health and wellbeing, we will continue to introduce industry-leading initiatives that drive real, meaningful change.