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ETG Partners with Amedei to Market Gold Medal-Winning Amedei™ Chocolates in the U.S.

Amedei US, a new division of ETG International, will market and distribute world-renowned Amedei™ chocolates in a long-term exclusive partnership with artisanal chocolatier Amedei of Tuscany

JUNE 26, 2006 (NEW YORK): ETG International's Terroir Group (EITG) announced today that its newest division, Amedei US, is launching expanded sales and marketing activities in the U.S. premium chocolates market under an exclusive long-term marketing and distribution partnership with world-renowned chocolatier Amedei Srl of Tuscany, Italy.

EITG has been distributing Amedei products in the US on a limited basis since February 2006. Said ETG President and COO Alex Evans, "We have been privileged to work with the Tessieris of Amedei, who are among the most deeply passionate and successful artists in chocolate in the world. The formation of our new Amedei US division will allow us to focus even more strongly on developing the highly regarded Amedei brand in the United States."

ETG's Amedei US unit is offering the full line of Amedei™ chocolates in the US market, targeting upscale luxury retailers, services providers, hotels and restaurants; corporate gifts; and individual gourmet consumers via e-commerce. Amedei US is accepting applications from companies who wish to retail the rare Amedei™ products or use them in their own food creations immediately. US consumers may purchase Amedei™ products at the brand's US web site www.Amedei-US.com.

A ceremony marking the formalization of the exclusive partnership between ETG International and Amedei Srl will occur at the Amedei factory in Tuscany in July.

About Amedei

Amedei Srl, an artisanal manufacturer of gourmet chocolates, has been recognized as the maker of the world's best chocolate at the 2005 World Chocolate Awards by the Academy of Chocolate (London), in which Amedei also won multiple additional gold and silver medals, and by numerous gourmet publications including *Food & Wine*. Additional information may be found at www.Amedei.it.

About The ETG Companies

The ETG Companies are a diverse family of global businesses and joint ventures in energy, logistics, shipping, financial services, electronics, industrial controls, software and information services, medical devices and biotechnology, data communications, national security, food and beverage, and real estate. Through its Terroir Group, ETG International has developed significant expertise in building global brand value and expanding markets internationally for regionally exceptional premium food and beverage products. Additional information may be found at www.etgglobal.com/Terroir.htm.

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