



## **United Natural Foods Completes Acquisition of the Canadian Food Distribution Assets of the SunOpta Distribution Group**

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PROVIDENCE, R.I., June 14, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ --United Natural Foods, Inc. (Nasdaq: UNFI) has completed its previously announced acquisition of the Canadian food distribution assets of the SunOpta Distribution Group business ("SDG") of SunOpta Inc. (Nasdaq: STKL, TSX: SOY), for a total consideration of approximately CDN \$68 million in cash.

With the completion of the transaction, the acquired SDG business is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of UNFI, operating as UNFI Canada. Founded in 2002, the Canadian operations serve approximately 6,000 customer locations, 15,000 SKU's and 5 distribution centers utilizing leading edge technology.

UNFI Canada is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario and is Canada's largest distributor of organic, natural, kosher and specialty foods.

### **About United Natural Foods**

United Natural Foods, Inc. ([www.unfi.com](http://www.unfi.com)) carries and distributes more than 60,000 products to more than 23,000 customer locations in the United States and Canada. The Company serves a wide variety of retail formats including conventional supermarket chains, natural product superstores, independent retail operators and the food service channel. United Natural Foods, Inc. was ranked by Forbes in 2005 as one of the "Best Managed Companies in America," ranked by Fortune in 2006 - 2010 as one of its "Most Admired Companies," winner of the Supermarket News 2008 Sustainability Excellence Award, and recognized by the Nutrition Business Journal for its 2009 Environment and Sustainability Award.

**For more information on United Natural Foods, Inc., visit the Company's website at [www.unfi.com](http://www.unfi.com).**

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