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U.S. East Coast Premium Jam Brand “Blake Hill Preserves” U.S. St.Cousair, Inc. Acquires the Business

– Portlandia, Bonnie's Jams, and KELLY'S JELLY — the 4th U.S. Brand Acquisition –



St.Cousair, Co., Ltd. (headquartered in Iizuna, Nagano Prefecture; Representative Director and President: Ryota Kuze; “St.Cousair”), a food manufacturing and retail company (food SPA) that operates approximately 180 specialty stores nationwide under brands including “Kuze Fuku Shoten” and “St.Cousair,” announced today that its consolidated subsidiary St.Cousair, Inc. (headquartered in Oregon, U.S.; President & CEO: Naoki Kuze; “SCI”) has entered into an agreement to acquire the brand business and related production equipment operated by Blake Hill Preserves (headquartered in Windsor, Vermont, U.S.; co-founders: Ms. Vicky Allard and Mr. Joe Hanglin; “Blake Hill”), as detailed below.

Purpose of the Business Acquisition

At St.Cousair, we have positioned sales in high-growth global markets as a key strategic priority, and we regard the United States — home to one of the world’s largest processed food markets — as a core market for our global sales expansion.
SCI, based in Oregon, U.S., has not only sales functions but also product development capabilities and its own factory, and operates its proprietary brand “Kuze Fuku & Sons” across the United States. In addition, SCI has progressively acquired the processed food sales businesses of Portlandia Foods, Inc. (“Portlandia”) in June 2023, Bonnie’s Enterprises, LLC (“Bonnie’s Jams”) in October 2024, and KELLY’S JELLY, INC. (“KELLY’S JELLY”) in April 2025, expanding its brand portfolio.

KUZE FUKU & SONS



Portlandia



Bonnie’s Jams



KELLY’S JELLY



The Blake Hill we are acquiring is a premium grocery brand based in Vermont, U.S. We expect this acquisition to help us strengthen the following areas going forward:

- Access to wholesale/distributor networks on the U.S. East Coast, and an online D2C platform
- A growing, health-conscious category: "No Cane Sugar" jam, naturally sweetened with fruit juice
- More than 290 recipe assets

In addition, we expect to maximize synergies with our four existing brands.
Furthermore, by incorporating the highly efficient production equipment and production volume acquired from Blake Hill, SCI determined that it could strengthen its own plant's operating capacity and accelerate the transition to a two-shift production system set forth in its medium-term management plan. Based on this assessment, SCI decided to proceed with this business acquisition.

Blake Hill Preserves: What Is It?

Blake Hill was founded in 2010 by husband and wife Ms. Vicky Allard and Mr. Joe Hanglin, originally from the United Kingdom, to share in the United States the taste of the handmade jams they had learned from their grandparents as children. It is a premium specialty maker of jams, chutneys, marmalades, and chocolate spreads based in Vermont, U.S.
Since its founding, Blake Hill has maintained its quality through small-batch production, and has received numerous prestigious industry awards, including a Sofi Award gold medal and the Good Food Award.

Under the banner of "Sweet, Savory & Spicy," Blake Hill offers a wide-ranging lineup of more than 120 recipes, including not only traditional fruit jams but also cooking chutneys and cheese-pairing jams.



Naked Fruits



Naked Chocolate



Specialty jam



Marmalade



Chutney

The brand's signature "Naked" series (Naked Fruits／Naked Chocolate) minimizes cooking and blending to bring out the natural flavor of the fruit itself, using no cane sugar and relying on fruit juice alone for natural sweetness. Blake Hill offers a wide range of flavors across five series, including botanically infused Specialty Jam, traditionally made Marmalade, and Chutney designed to pair with savory dishes. In particular, Chutney and Naked Chocolate are new categories that SCI has not previously offered.

SCI and Blake Hill: The Road Ahead

Blake Hill began on a small farm in Vermont, and has been loved by many for its original flavors born from handmade warmth and food cultures from around the world. At St.Cousair, we deeply resonate with its history and values, and we want to carry this brand's journey into the future.
SCI sees this business succession not simply as an expansion of its operations, but as a new beginning that carries forward the belief Blake Hill has always cherished — "making people happy through food." Leveraging the strengths of the St.Cousair Group, we will continue to deliver the appeal of Blake Hill to even more customers than before, working to realize our corporate philosophy: "A table of love and joy, always."

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