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**Kagome Co., Ltd. Finalize Majority Acquisition of Ingomar Packing Company LLC.**

**Nagoya, Aichi, Japan / Los Banos, California, USA** – Kagome Co., Ltd. (Kagome) proudly announces the successful majority acquisition of Ingomar Packing Company LLC (Ingomar), solidifying their dedication to sustainable and innovative solutions. This maneuver establishes Kagome as a prominent force in the global tomato processing industry.

Kagome USA, a lead producer of high-quality sauces, dressings, salsas and butter spreads; aims to leverage synergies and seize new opportunities. This move aligns with Kagome's vision to strengthen its foothold in the tomato processing sector and explore new avenues for sustainable growth.

Satoshi Yamaguchi, President of Kagome Co. Ltd., highlighted the company's enthusiasm to learn from Ingomar about tomato farming and processing while leveraging Kagome's resources and experience to foster mutual growth. "This strategic investment reflects our commitment to expanding our presence in key markets and driving sustainable growth. We look forward to leveraging our combined strengths to deliver value to our customers, shareholders, and stakeholders."

Greg Pruett, CEO of Ingomar, expressed enthusiasm about the acquisition as well, emphasizing the opportunity for collaboration with Kagome in areas such as product quality, innovation, and process improvement. The acquisition will position Ingomar as a consolidated subsidiary of the Kagome Group. However, Pruett will continue to lead the company as CEO, ensuring a seamless transition by leveraging his expertise to drive further growth.



A foundational aspect of this partnership is Kagome's commitment to working closely with Ingomar's existing grower-owners. This joint effort highlights Kagome and Ingomar's devotion to nurturing current agricultural partnerships, maintaining the consistent flow of high-quality products.

### **About Kagome USA**

Kagome USA aims to, "Use nature's gifts to make the world a more delicious place." As one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of tomato-based sauces and concentrates, Kagome enables their customer partners to adapt to culinary trends, to serve with quality ingredients, and to promote a more sustainable food industry where every bite is savored, every drip celebrated, and where even the smallest plant can make the most significant impact. For more information, visit Kagome USA at [kagomeusa.com](http://kagomeusa.com).

### **About Ingomar Packing Company, LLC**

Ingomar Packing Company, LLC, based in Los Banos, California, USA, is the 4th largest processor of tomatoes globally. Since its inception in 1983, Ingomar has been driven by a single purpose: to focus all its resources and experience on growing, processing, and packaging the most premium processed tomato products in the world.