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Thomas Publishing and Grey House Publishing Announce Acquisition

(February 26, 2001) Thomas Publishing Company and Grey House Publishing announced today the acquisition by Grey House of Thomas Food Industry Register (TFIR), the food industry's leading buying guide.

Grey House has purchased TFIR's database of 30,000 food industry suppliers and TFIR's industry-recognized classification of 6,000 product categories. Currently published in print, on CD-ROM and on the Internet, Grey House will soon unveil plans for the product line. "We are very pleased that Grey House will continue publication of Thomas' oldest directory", said TFIR Publisher Linda Rigano.

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Rigano added, "this allows us to focus on our core industrial directory products including The Thomas Register of American Manufacturers, Thomas Regional Directories and Thomas Global Register." Grey House's President, Dick Gottlieb said "TFIR's addition to our business product line is most welcome. It is an outstanding database with a worthy history".

TFIR's existing Internet site (www.tfir.com) will be live through September, 2001 at which time subscribers will be updated. Grey House Publishing can be reached at 800-562-2139 Ext. 137.

Grey House Publishing (www.greyhouse.com) is headquartered in Millerton, New York. The company specializes in publishing reference directories and databases in the Business, Health and Demographic fields. Its product line includes the Food and Beverage Marketplace directories and databases.

Headquartered in New York, Thomas Publishing Company (www.thomaspublishing.com) is the leading provider of industrial product and service information via both print and electronic media. Thomas has been bringing buyers and sellers together for the last 100 years. In addition to its directories, the company publishes 24 major buying guides and 29 product news magazines throughout the world.

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