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Green Mountain Gringo® Salsas and Tortilla Strips Awarded “Non-GMO Verified” status by the Non-GMO Project

WINSTON-SALEM, NC (November 15, 2010) – TW Garner Food Company announced today that its Green Mountain Gringo® salsas and tortilla strips are now officially “Non-GMO Project Verified,” meaning that they have been independently tested and verified to demonstrate best practices for avoidance of genetically-modified ingredients by [The Non-GMO Project](#) and its technical consultants, [FoodChain Global Advisors](#).

“We are excited to have our full Green Mountain Gringo® product line Non-GMO Project Verified, which is a very important seal of approval for our health-conscious consumers who rely upon our products for their families,” said Glenn Garner, Director of Marketing for TW Garner Food Company. “The Non-GMO Project is a highly respected organization and we appreciate their efforts over the past several months to work with us in verifying the non-GMO status of every step of our supply chain in the creation of Green Mountain Gringo® salsas and tortilla strips.”

Megan Westgate, Executive Director of the Non-GMO Project said, “TW Garner has been a pleasure to work with during the verification process, and we are thrilled to add their Green Mountain Gringo® salsas and tortilla strips to our [shopping guide](#) to assist consumers in making healthy choices for their families.”

Green Mountain Gringo® salsas are available in five varieties: Hot Salsa, Medium Salsa, Mild Salsa, Roasted Chile Salsa and Roasted Garlic Salsa. Its tortilla strips come in Original, Blue Corn and White Corn varieties. Green Mountain Gringo® salsas and tortilla strips are sold in natural, health and specialty food stores, as well as grocery stores and the company website at www.greenmountaingringo.com. Green Mountain Gringo® products have been recognized by [Epicurious](#) as the best overall salsa among 20 competitors, and [Health Magazine](#) named Green Mountain Gringo® Salsa "best brand in its class" and described the product "as close to homemade as store bought salsa gets."

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“I am so proud of our team. Being Non-GMO verified is something we have worked long and hard to achieve,” said Ann Garner Riddle, President of TW Garner Food Company.

About TW Garner Food Company (www.texaspete.com)

Headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, TW Garner Food Company is famous for its Texas Pete® Hot Sauce, the number three brand of hot sauce in the United States. Founded in 1929 as a maker of barbecue sauce, the company now sells a full line of hot sauces, wing sauces and seafood sauces under the Texas Pete® brand, as well as salsa and tortilla chips under the Green Mountain Gringo® brand. Texas Pete® and Green Mountain Gringo® products are sold in supermarkets, military commissaries, convenience stores and restaurants throughout the United States. In 2010, Green Mountain Gringo® Salsa was named best overall salsa by [Epicurious](#), among 20 retail salsas that were tested.

About the Non-GMO Project (www.nongmoproject.org)

The Non-GMO Project is a non-profit organization, created by leaders representing all sectors of the organic and natural products industry in the U.S. and Canada, to offer consumers a consistent non-GMO choice for organic and natural products that are produced without genetic engineering or recombinant DNA technologies. With the help of technical consultants FoodChain Global Advisors, the Non-GMO Project has successfully created a collaborative non-GMO verification program that began enrolling products in the fall of 2008. Working at every level of the supply chain, all the way back to the seeds, the Project's role is to inspire and ensure viable non-GMO alternatives long into the future.

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