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*Stephen Sibert will head up Industry and Government Affairs for Diamond*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (April 26, 2010)** - [Diamond Foods, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: DMND) today announced that Stephen Sibert has been appointed to the newly created position of Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Communications.

Mr. Sibert brings more than twenty years of food retail and manufacturer experience to Diamond Foods. He most recently served as Senior Vice President of Industry Affairs for the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA), the primary industry association serving food, beverage and consumer products companies. In this role, he led leadership councils and committees focused on strategy development around key commercial issues and opportunities in sales, sales promotion, supply chain, technology, manufacturing and financial performance. He was responsible for significant components of the GMA's annual revenue base including industry conferences, membership recruitment and retention and external sponsorships. Prior to joining the GMA fifteen years ago, Mr. Sibert spent eight years with the Retail Industry Leaders Association and prior to that with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce where he led governmental affairs activities including issue advocacy and management as well as coalition building and development of key public affairs campaigns. Mr. Sibert holds a B.S. in Public Affairs from Indiana University.

Mr. Sibert will take on the leadership of both industry and government affairs for Diamond Foods and will report to Linda Segre, Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Communications. "Stephen's knowledge and experience in the packaged food industry will greatly augment Diamond's emerging leadership role in our industry," said Ms. Segre. "His strategic orientation and background in public and industry affairs make him a natural fit for the role."

"We are very pleased to welcome Stephen Sibert to the Diamond Foods team," said Michael J. Mendes, Chairman, President and CEO. "Stephen's knowledge and engagement in the industry will be a great resource for our organization. His work ethic, ability to work across diverse issues and opportunities, and entrepreneurial approach make him a strong fit with our culture."

### **About Diamond**

[Diamond Foods](#) is a high-growth innovative packaged food company focused on building, acquiring and energizing brands including [Kettle®](#) Chips, [Emerald®](#) snack nuts, [Pop Secret®](#) popcorn, and [Diamond of California®](#) culinary and snack nuts. The Company's products are distributed in a wide range of stores where snacks and culinary nuts are sold.

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