## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE PPC FLEXIBLE PACKAGING™ ANNOUNCES HFM PPC RECEIVES SQF CERTIFICATION

Buffalo Grove, IL, February 14, 2020 — PPC Flexible Packaging<sup>™</sup>, LLC a leading provider of custom flexible packaging for specialty food, healthcare, and horticultural markets, today announced that HFM PPC has been certified to the Safe Quality Food (SQF) code, a global food safety program, as level 2 SQF.

The SQF program is administered by the Food Marketing Institute (FMI) in the United States and is recognized by retailers, brand owners, and food service providers as one of the most rigorous and comprehensive food safety and quality standards in the world. Certification, issued by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), requires establishment of a rigorous, comprehensive food safety program through every step of the supply chain. GFSI is a group of food safety experts that drives continuous improvement in food safety management systems around the world.

"We are very excited about the new SQF Level 2 certification. The Pewaukee facility has been serving food packaging customers under an AIB certification for many years. With the new certification we are looking forward to supporting new brand owners and co-packers that require a higher level of food safety and security," said Mark Mawer, Vice President and General Manager at HFM Packaging Ltd.

PPC Flexible Packaging<sup>™</sup> strives to be the industry role model and a trusted source for the safety and quality of our products and facilities and is proud to add HFM PPC to our list of SQF certified facilities.

## ABOUT PPC FLEXIBLE PACKAGING™

Based in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, PPC Flexible Packaging<sup>™</sup> is a leading provider of cleanroom and consumer packaging for the healthcare, nutraceutical, health and beauty, snack, organic, "better for you," horticultural and produce markets. The company excels in the design of value-added printed, laminated, stand-up pouch and re- closable packaging for the most demanding applications. With seven plants throughout North and South America and in-house graphics and plate-making capabilities, PPC Flexible Packaging<sup>™</sup> is focused on exceptional speed to market and excels in delivering service, quality, technology and innovation to its valued customer base.

## **ABOUT HFM PPC**

HFM PPC, headquartered in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, has more than 40 years of experience producing packaging solutions for cosmetics, personal care, pharma, food and industrial applications. It is a market leader in the use of labels as peel and reseal closures for personal care markets as well as a converter of pouches. They are known for their high-speed die-cut

labeling capabilities, state-of-the-art resealable pouching technology, and engineering assistance using turnkey packaging solutions.