



Symns Appointed Manager of Communications Services at MGP Ingredients



ATCHISON, Kan., May 21, 2008—Stephanie Symns has joined MGP Ingredients, Inc. (MGPI) as manager of communications services. She succeeds Steve Wilson, Jr., who left the company last fall to pursue other career objectives. Among her principal responsibilities will be assisting in the execution of overall publicity and promotional projects, including internal communications programs and special events. She also will be responsible for coordinating the development, implementation and administration of MGPI's intranet site, which is currently under development.

"We are very pleased to welcome Stephanie to our communications team," said Steve Pickman, vice president of corporate relations. "She brings many valuable talents and skills to her new position here and approaches her assigned tasks with considerable enthusiasm and attention to detail."

Prior to joining MGPI, Symns spent two years as a producer at WIBW-TV, a subsidiary of Grey MidAmerica TV Interactive Media, in Topeka, Kan. Her responsibilities in this capacity included producing ten newscasts a week, writing news stories and researching and investigating new stories and leads, as well as compiling the quarterly issues report for the public. Symns previously gained experience in professional communications by writing for the Washburn Review. She was first assistant director for the short movie "Through Martha's Eyes," which was shot at locations near Council Grove, Kan.

Symns is a native of Effingham, Kan. and a 2000 graduate of Atchison County Community High School, Effingham. She received a bachelor of arts degree in mass media from Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., in 2006, where she graduated magna cum laude.