BEAVERTON, OR – (June 3, 2011) – Beaverton Foods today announced that President Gene Biggi is an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 Pacific Northwest Award finalist. According to Ernst & Young LLP, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Biggi was selected as a finalist from nearly 90 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 10, 2011 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers.

Gene Biggi, President of Beaverton Foods, said he is proud to be a finalist for the Pacific Northwest Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award.

“It’s a real honor to be recognized for my 60 years of working to make the highest quality condiments in America,” he noted.

Beaverton Foods is the largest producer of non-refrigerated horseradish and award-winning specialty mustards in the US and it is the only manufacturer of real wasabi paste in North America. The company also offers a wide variety of best-selling gourmet
sauces, garlic, spices, and other unique specialty condiments packaged under these labels: Beaver, Inglehoffer, Napa Valley, Tulelake and Pacific Farms. In addition to its own brands, the company develops, produces and co-packs a broad range of products for companies in the country and abroad.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Award. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year overall National Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on Nov. 12, 2011. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies, which will be held Nov. 9–13, 2011.

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About Beaverton Foods
Since 1929, the privately held Beaverton Foods has thrived by following wholesome business practices set in place by Founder Rose Biggi (pronounced Bee Gee). What started in Rose’s basement, grinding and bottling homegrown horseradish roots, has now grown to a family owned, multimillion dollar corporation with more than 150 specialty condiments sold in mainstream grocery and specialty foods stores, restaurants, and gourmet shops throughout the US and in 15 foreign countries. Today, Rose’s son Gene Biggi serves as company President. The company has 72 employees at its 70,000-square-foot headquarters based in Hillsboro, Oregon. In addition to its HACCP program this third generation family owned company also has kosher certification, organic certification, and is in the process of adding SQF (Safe Quality Food) certification. For more information, call (503) 646-8138 or visit www.beavertonfoods.com. Orders can be made online or by calling (800) 223-8076.

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