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**Plainview Peanut Company Announces Temporary Suspension of Operations of its Processing Facility Until Completion of Food Safety Investigations**

Plainview, TX (February 10, 2009) – Plainview Peanut Company, LLC (PPC), a subsidiary of Peanut Corporation of America, announced Tuesday that it has suspended operation of its Texas processing facility while the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) complete their investigation of the plant's procedures and records of food safety. PPC has voluntarily taken this action in order to cooperate with the TDSHS during its food safety investigation.