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# FONA Named One of the Best Manufacturing & Production Workplaces in the Nation by Great Rated!<sup>TM</sup>

**Geneva, IL, January 21, 2015** - FONA International was chosen as one of the 2015 People's Picks: 15 Great Workplaces in Manufacturing & Production by the global authority on high-trust, high-performance workplace cultures *Great Place to Work*<sup>®</sup>'s *Great Rated*!<sup>TM</sup>. In fact, FONA was the #3 ranked small/medium business in the category. Our Great Rated page can be viewed here: http://us.greatrated.com/fona-international-inc.

The national award is based on employee survey results evaluated by *Great Place to Work's Trust Index*<sup>©</sup>. The index examines company culture and measures employee engagement by surveying employee opinions, attitudes and perceptions on the level of trust between colleagues and between management and employees.

Tonya Hubbartt, FONA's Director of Human Resources, says, "We are focused on the well-being of each and every employee, and strive to create a safe, nurturing environment where engaged employees thrive, deliver excellence to customers and pursue a rewarding career."

FONA supports employees through an array of meaningful opportunities and generous benefits such as covering 100% of employees' health insurance premiums, summer hours, an onsite fitness center, car wash/oil change/dry cleaning pick up & drop off, yoga/massages, tuition reimbursement and monthly employee lunch celebrations.

#### About FONA International, Inc.

Founded in 1987, FONA International creates and manufactures flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, nutraceutical and pharmaceutical companies in the world. It offers flavor solutions for the confection, grain, beverage, performance nutrition, OTC and emerging markets from its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus in Geneva, IL. FONA International has established a reputation as the forward-thinking, independent solution provider in the very competitive flavor industry.

### About Great Rated!<sup>TM</sup>

While organizations look to recruit and hire the right candidate, job seekers are equally interested in finding the right position at the right company. That's why Great Rated!<sup>TM</sup> —the new survey-based workplace review website—from Great Place to Work® uses data and insights for a true picture of the workplace and elevates the hiring experience. Great Rated!<sup>TM</sup> organizations are serious about creating great workplaces, comfortable with transparency and interested in sharing the unique aspects treasured by employees.

#### About Great Place to Work®

Great Place to Work® is the global authority on high-trust, high-performance workplace cultures. Through proprietary assessment tools, advisory services, and employer branding programs, including Best Companies lists and workplace reviews, Great Place to Work® provides the benchmarks, framework, and expertise needed to create, sustain, and recognize outstanding workplace cultures. Great Place to Work®'s Trust Index©, a 58-question employee survey that measures trust, is used around the world to help companies increase the levels of trust across their organizations and improve business results. Annually, Great Place to Work® produces the annual FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For® list and the Great Place to Work® Best Small and Medium Workplaces list.

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