Summary: Heinz (H.J.) Co. Feb 02

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On Feb. 28, 2002, Standard & Poor's assigned a rating to H.J. Heinz Finance Co.'s $1.25 billion senior unsecured notes, which are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the parent company, Pittsburgh, Pa.-based H.J. Heinz Co. Standard & Poor's also affirmed its ratings on H.J. Heinz Co. The ratings on H.J. Heinz Co. reflect the solid position of its branded product portfolio, geographic diversity, and its participation in the relatively stable packaged and processed food industry. This portfolio of leading brand names generates high relatively stable operating margins. Recent acquisitions have been key to Heinz's growth. The company continues to seek nondilutive, margin-enhancing transactions that provide it with new capabilities and technologies. In North America, Heinz's goal is to enhance its...

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