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## PRESS RELEASE

## NPD challenges for weight management: Campden BRI conference

Obesity, and its associated metabolic complications, is an ongoing public health issue. It is accepted that there is no single solution to lowering obesity rates; however, the food industry has a part to play in providing food choices that assist in weight management. This is reflected in the 'Calorie Reduction' pledge as part of the Department of Health Public Health Responsibility Deal. This pledge currently has 37 industry signatories, who have committed to take action.

A Campden BRI <u>conference</u> - *NPD challenges for weight management* (see <u>www.campdenbri.co.uk/weight-management-conference.php</u>) – to be held on 15 October, will focus on the production of products that assist with weight management, and will cover:

- The Public Health Responsibility Deal and the calorie reduction pledge
- Legislation aspects
- Challenges faced in product development for weight management
- Specific ingredients (protein, fibre) and the manipulation of food structure in improving satiety
- Creating reduced calorie products
- Low calorie diets and diet replacers

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Campden BRI (<u>www.campdenbri.co.uk</u>) provides technical, legislative and scientific support and research to the food and drinks industry worldwide – with a comprehensive "farm to fork" range of services covering agri-food production, analysis and testing, processing and manufacturing, safety,



training and technical information services. Members and clients benefit from industry-leading facilities for analysis, product and process development, and sensory and consumer studies, which include a specialist brewing and wine division.

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## **Notes to editors**

- 1. An accompanying photograph is available from Ms Karen Jones, Campden BRI, Station Road, Chipping Campden, Glos. GL55 6LD, UK. Karen.jones@campdenbri.co.uk +44(0)1386 842204
- 2. <u>Campden BRI</u> specialises in the practical application of technical excellence to support the food and allied industries through analysis and testing, operational support, research and innovation, and knowledge management. It is the world's largest membership-based food research organisation, with over 2400 members from around 80 countries. It has nearly 400 staff based at its three sites: Chipping Campden (Headquarters), Nutfield (Surrey brewing division), and Budapest (Hungary).
- 3. Its activities include assuring the safety of food and drinks, <u>food processing and manufacturing</u> support, <u>food analysis and testing</u>, <u>training</u> and <u>publishing</u>. Each year it hosts hundreds of business visits and trains around 6,000 people from food and drink companies worldwide. Further information on its activities can be found at www.campden.co.uk
- 4. Expertise at Campden BRI includes:
  - a. <a href="mailto:mail
  - b. safety assurance including <u>hygiene and sanitation</u>, <u>microbiology</u> and preservation, processing technologies, analysis and testing (microbiological, chemical), and quality and safety management,
  - c. <u>product development</u> and quality, <u>consumer studies</u>, market insights, <u>sensory science</u>, <u>authenticity testing</u>, shelf-life evaluation, labelling and <u>legislation</u>
  - d. agri-food production, ingredients, raw materials, raw material technology,
  - e. underpinning science <u>cereal science</u>, <u>microbiology</u>, <u>chemistry and biochemistry</u>, molecular biology
- 5. Facilities at Campden BRI include:
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  - b. 3,500 sq m food process hall and <u>pilot plant</u> including malting and brewing, retorting, chilling, milling, baking, hygiene and packaging
  - c. 800 sq m of dedicated training and conference facilities