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Guittard Chocolate Company Extends Cultivate Better™ Sustainability Initiative with Installation of Solar Panels

Burlingame, CA (January 7, 2021)—Family-owned [Guittard Chocolate Company](#), the 150+ year old San Francisco-based premium chocolate supplier and maker dedicated to crafting exceptional chocolate and cocoa, has added solar panels to its Fairfield, CA facility, reaffirming its commitment to consistently work to reduce its environmental impact through renewable energy, water conservation, and waste reduction practices. As part of its Cultivate Better™ platform, Guittard dedicates itself to honorable sourcing, expert crafting, industry leadership, environmental initiatives, and long-term sustainability both at home and in the cacao-growing countries in which it works.

Guittard partnered with Commercial Energy and Centrica Business Solutions to design and install the solar project on its 300,000 square-foot Fairfield facility, which was built to expand the company's capacity beyond its Burlingame headquarters. Guittard's new rooftop solar system includes 2,992 solar panels expected to generate 1.7 Million kWh of power per year, offsetting 50% of the facility's demand. Significantly reducing the company's environmental footprint, the solar energy captured is estimated to save 1,217 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year, equivalent to removing 263 cars from the road.

The facility, which is used for warehousing, high-speed packaging, and proprietary chocolate production, supports Guittard's growth and innovation for its national and international wholesale/manufacturing, professional/foodservice, and consumer/retail customers.



ABOUT GUITTARD CHOCOLATE COMPANY: As the oldest continuously family-owned and operated chocolate company in the United States, Guittard Chocolate Company, now under the fourth and fifth generation of family management, continues to grow with the same innovative spirit and commitment to sustainability that has made it one of the world's most respected makers and suppliers of premium chocolate over the past 150+ years. For more information, please visit us online at www.Guittard.com or @GuittardChocolate.

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