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To All Morton Salt and Canadian Salt USP Grade Potassium Chloride Customers,

Morton Salt has been advised by our supplier of potash that it is unable to supply product to Morton due to a labor strike at three of their Canadian mines. As a result, they have declared Force Majeure under the contract that governs our supply agreement. No date has been given for resolution of their production and labor issues. Potash is the feed stock used to produce Morton’s USP Grade potassium chloride.

The world-wide supply of potash suitable for use in producing USP products is under unprecedented pressure, as the global demand for potash of all grades has hit all time highs. If the supply disruption continues and we are unsuccessful in procuring alternate supply, Morton will have no choice but to discontinue production of potassium chloride. In the interim, we are seeking an alternative, viable supply for our USP grade products, which would require additional validation prior to use. Any change in supply for our USP potassium chloride will be the subject of a future announcement.

Morton is using our current inventories of suitable potash raw material in order to produce USP and food grade potassium chloride. During this period of interrupted potassium chloride supply, Morton reserves the right to reduce and allocate orders as we deem necessary.

We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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