

Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. Opens New Restaurant in Carmel, Indiana

MINNEAPOLIS [February 11, 2009] — Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. (**Nasdaq:GCFB**) a Modern American upscale casual restaurant today announced the opening of its 26th restaurant. The new Granite City Food & Brewery is located in Carmel, Indiana at 150 West 96th Street. The restaurant is approximately 8,800 square feet, contains seating for 250 guests and features Granite City's extensive menu with over 85 menu items prepared from made-from-scratch recipes and served in generous portions. Granite City's highly detailed and contemporary décor creates a high energy, fun and family-friendly dining atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

"The City of Carmel is a great location for the Granite City concept," commented Steve Wagenheim, Granite City's CEO and President. "Located just north of Indianapolis in Hamilton County, Carmel is a dynamic edge city with award-winning schools, thriving businesses and family-oriented neighborhoods. The city has been one of the fastest growing communities in the nation during the last decade. We believe the Granite City concept of quality food and great service at an attractive price point is perfect for Carmel."

Carmel was listed as one of the top ten places to live in the Midwest by *Money* magazine because of its high quality of life. With excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, an award winning public library and an expanded park system, the City has attracted more than 40 corporate headquarters to Carmel. Its Meridian Street Corridor is home to the second highest concentration of workers in the state.

Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. is a Modern American upscale casual restaurant chain that operates 26 restaurants in 11 states. The menu features affordable yet high quality family favorite menu items prepared from made-from-scratch recipes and served in generous portions. Additional information about Granite City Food & Brewery can be found at the company's website (www.gcfb.net).

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