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Central Garden & Pet to Announce First Quarter of Fiscal 2009 Results

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ:CENT) (NASDAQ:CENTA) will announce results for its first quarter ended December 27, 2008, on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 after the close of trading.

Central will host a webcast/dial-in conference call shortly following the earnings release on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., Eastern (1:30 p.m. Pacific) to discuss the first quarter 2009 results. To listen to the call by telephone, please dial 888-680-0878 and passcode 1763 2663 (domestic) or 617-213-4855 and passcode 1763 2663 (international).

In order to simplify your registration process, you may pre-register at the following link:
<https://www.theconferencingservice.com/prereg/key.process?key=PFAYFA87Q>

By pre-registering, you may bypass the operator and go directly to the teleconference with a unique PIN number as soon as the call begins. At the time of the call, after dialing the number and passcode mentioned above, enter your PIN for immediate access to the teleconference.

The earnings conference call will be broadcast over the Internet through Central's website. You may navigate there through www.central.com, or you may link directly to the webcast on our website at <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=93879&p=irol-calendar>.

Re-play dial-in numbers for the call will be available for three weeks: 888-286-8010 and passcode 5282 6065 (domestic) and 617-801-6888 and passcode 5282 6065 (international).

Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading innovator, marketer and producer of quality branded products for the lawn & garden and pet supplies markets. Committed to new product innovation, our products are sold to specialty independent and mass retailers in the following categories: In Lawn & Garden: Grass seed including the brands [PENNINGTON\(R\)](#) and [THE REBELS\(TM\)](#) wild bird feed and the brands [PENNINGTON\(R\)](#) and [KAYTEE\(R\)](#) weed and insect control and the brands [AMDRO\(R\)](#), [SEVIN\(R\)](#), [IRONITE\(R\)](#) and [Over 'N Out\(R\)](#); and decorative outdoor patio products and the brands [NORCAL\(R\)](#), [NEW ENGLAND POTTERY\(R\)](#) and [MATTHEWS FOUR SEASONS\(TM\)](#). We also provide a host of other regional and application-specific garden brands and supplies. Pet categories include: Animal health and the brands [ADAMS\(TM\)](#) and [ZODIAC\(R\)](#); aquatics and reptile and the brands [OCEANIC\(R\)](#), [AQUEON\(TM\)](#) and [ZILLA\(TM\)](#); bird & small animal and the brands [KAYTEE\(R\)](#), [SUPER PET\(R\)](#) and CRITTER TRAIL(R); dog & cat and the brands [TFH\(TM\)](#), [NYLABONE\(R\)](#), [FOUR PAWS\(R\)](#), [PINNACLE\(R\)](#) and [Avoderm\(R\)](#); and equine and the brands [FARNAM\(R\)](#), [BRONCO\(R\)](#) and [SUPER MASK\(R\)](#). We also provide a host of other

application-specific Pet brands and supplies. Central Garden & Pet Company is based in Walnut Creek, California, and has approximately 5,000 employees, primarily in North America and Europe. For additional information on Central Garden & Pet Company, including access to the Company's SEC filings, please visit the Company's website at www.central.com.

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