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Alto Ingredients Expands Beverage & USP Alcohol Production Capacity

Annual Specialty Alcohol Production Capacity at Pekin Site Now 140 Million Gallons

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 02, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Alto Ingredients, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALTO)**, a leading producer of specialty alcohols and essential ingredients, announced that it has increased its total annual production capacity of specialty alcohol to 140 million gallons, the majority of which will meet or exceed USP certifications.

"In the fourth quarter, we refurbished the grain-neutral spirits, or GNS system, located at our Pekin wet mill," stated Mike Kandris, CEO of Alto Ingredients. "Entering 2021, we now have an additional 30 million gallons of annual production capacity of our highest quality product, the core ingredient used in the production of distilled spirits and USP grade alcohol. This expansion brings our total annual specialty alcohol production capacity to 140 million gallons and is available to domestic and international customers requiring products that meet stringent USP and GNS specifications."

About Alto Ingredients, Inc.

Alto Ingredients, Inc. (ALTO), formerly known as Pacific Ethanol, Inc., is a leading producer of specialty alcohols and essential ingredients. The company is focused on products for four key markets: Health, Home & Beauty; Food & Beverage; Essential Ingredients; and Renewable Fuels. The company's customers include major food and beverage companies and consumer products companies. For more information please visit www.altoingredients.com.

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