

***Press Release***

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***Ewing Bemiss & Co. Announces Sale of Old Dominion Peanut***

**Richmond, Virginia — November 12, 2004** *Ewing Bemiss & Co.* is pleased to announce that it served as the exclusive financial advisor to *Old Dominion Peanut Corporation* in its sale to *The Virginia Food Group, Inc.*, a new company formed by William Del Chiaro.

Founded in 1913, *Old Dominion Peanut Corporation*, based in Norfolk, Virginia, is a manufacturer and distributor of branded and private label peanut candy products. *Old Dominion Peanut* has a dominant share of the peanut brittle market, and also produces peanut candy bars, dipped peanuts, butter toffee peanuts, and other peanut-based confectionery products.

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