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O'Fallon Back Brewing Beer

O'Fallon, MO—Fran and Tony Caradonna have sold the O'Fallon Brewery to Ex-Anheuser-Busch marketing executive Jim Gorczyca, who plans to quickly resume production of the brewery's nationally-known craft beers.

"O'Fallon Brewery is back in business," Gorczyca said. The sale closed on Friday, May 20th, 2011.

O'Fallon experienced several difficult years with flat sales and the inability to expand capacity which resulted in significant financial losses leading to the brewery sale. Founded by the Caradonnas in 2000, O'Fallon Brewery produced 6,500 barrels of craft style beer in 2010 with draft beer being produced at the brewery's O'Fallon headquarters and bottled product being custom-brewed and packaged at Stevens Point Brewery in Wisconsin. Currently, O'Fallon produces 5 year-round beers and 4 seasonal beers which are sold in 11 states throughout the Midwest.

"The O'Fallon Brewery has an impressive market reputation for producing high quality craft style beers," Gorczyca said. O'Fallon's Smoked Porter was the winner of a Gold medal at the 2004 Great American Beer Festival. Additionally the 5-Day IPA was named St.

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Louis' 2008 Beer of the Year by the Riverfront Times. More recently, O'Fallon won the Silver medal in the 2009 Great American Beer Festival Pro-Am competition.

Enter Gorczyca, a veteran beer executive. "I had been looking to purchase a craft brewery known for its high quality products and growth potential," Gorczyca said. "I was well aware of O'Fallon's excellent reputation in the beer industry. The fact they are based in the St. Louis metropolitan area, my hometown, is a huge plus."

He expects to retain O'Fallon Brewery's key employees including the Caradonnas and Head Brewer, Brian Owens, who was the brewery's first employee in 2002. Brian's brewing expertise along with Gorczyca's marketing credentials make for a winning combination.

In addition to purchasing O'Fallon Brewery, Gorczyca announced new distributing arrangements with Grey Eagle Distributors in Maryland Heights and Krey Distributing Company in St. Peters Missouri.

Grey Eagle will sell and distribute O'Fallon's five brands in St. Louis and major parts of Franklin and Gasconade counties. Krey will sell and deliver the O'Fallon beer products in its service area of St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren and Montgomery counties.

Gorczyca said O'Fallon Brewery will concentrate on its five existing brands and will look to introduce new seasonal craft beers. "The craft beer segment is one of the fastest growing in the beer industry and we will work hard to make sure O'Fallon remains among the elite craft brewers in the nation," he said.

Greg Porto, Managing Director of Stone Carlie Corporate Finance, LLC and Paul Klug, Partner, at Polsinelli Shughart Law Firm helped negotiate and structure the deal. Gorczyca said, "These two gentlemen worked day and night to get the deal done in a very short amount of time."

Gorczyca said, "We are ramping up production now so our beers will be back on the shelves in early June and draught beer will available for the St. Louis Brewers Heritage Festival."

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