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**Richard Black** joined Kraft Foods in February, 2005 as Vice President of Global Nutrition, and Chief Nutrition Officer. In this role, Richard is responsible for leading corporate-wide nutrition programs: developing strategies, guidelines, and portfolio improvement opportunities; and providing overall accountability for nutrition research, nutrition communications, and nutrition business applications. Richard is a member of Kraft's internal Worldwide Health and Wellness Committee, and also leads the Worldwide Health and Wellness Advisory Council engaging with independent experts in key health and wellness disciplines.

Prior to joining Kraft, Richard has represented different organizations in a variety of technical/research positions. Most recently, he was Executive Director for International Life Sciences Institute North America in Washington, DC, a not-for-profit institute conducting research in nutrition and food safety. As Head of Nutrition Research, Richard worked at the Novartis Consumer Health Center in Switzerland guiding research in medical, health, and functional nutrition. At Nestle in Canada, Richard was Director of Scientific/Regulatory Affairs and Manufacturing Services where he gained product development and regulatory experience. With the Kellogg Company, Richard started as a Research Nutritionist in Battle Creek, subsequently becoming Manager of Nutrition & Scientific Affairs at Kellogg Canada.

Richard was born and raised in Canada. At McMaster University, he received Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and in Chemistry, and completed his Ph.D. in Psychology. At the University of Toronto, Richard did a post-doctoral fellowship in the Departments of Nutritional Sciences and Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, and subsequently served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences.

Richard is a member of the American Society of Nutrition, Institute of Food Technologists, The Obesity Society, as well as various food industry trade associations. Richard also served on Health Canada advisory panels, developing policy on health claims, and policy on addition of micronutrients in food.