

## **Compass Point Analytics Provides Shuanghui International Independent CFIUS-Focused Advice on Smithfield Acquisition**

NEW CANAAN, Conn., and McLEAN, Va., September 30, 2013 — Compass Point Analytics successfully advised Shuanghui International Holdings Limited on the recently completed national security review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) of Shuanghui's acquisition of Smithfield Foods, Inc. CFIUS approved the transaction on September 6, and Shuanghui subsequently completed the acquisition on September 26. This transaction—the largest Chinese purchase of an American company to date—represents the first time an independent, CFIUS-focused consultant has advised a company seeking CFIUS approval.

“Compass Point Analytics is pleased to have had the opportunity to serve as Shuanghui's CFIUS-focused specialist and to contribute to the successful completion of this CFIUS review,” said Jonathan Gafni, president and chief CFIUS strategist. “While we were confident CFIUS would ultimately allow this transaction to move forward, we did not underestimate the potential complexities of a transaction of this magnitude. We are gratified that Shuanghui trusted our independent insights and our proactive approach to the CFIUS process and was able to achieve its objective.”

“I firmly believe the introduction of our focused, proactive, and independent approach to CFIUS will prove to be a turning point for investors and for the Committee itself,” added Eric Meyer, Compass Point Analytics' executive chairman. “Gone are the days of merely reacting to CFIUS. Going forward, foreign investors now have a new CFIUS solution. Compass Point Analytics offers greater clarity in a process often viewed as impossibly opaque and provides proactive strategies that anticipate and address issues much earlier.”

Compass Point Analytics developed its proactive, CFIUS-focused solutions through direct participation in more than 500 CFIUS cases. The Compass Point Analytics team supporting Shuanghui included Gafni, who served as Deputy National Intelligence Officer for CFIUS Support from 2008 until April of this year, and Meyer, an international executive who advises both the U.S. and foreign governments on matters relating to cross-border investments. Compass Point Analytics is not affiliated with any law practice, investment banker, public relations advisor, lobbying firm, or security consultant.

### **About Compass Point Analytics**

Compass Point Analytics LLC was created in response to the need for a clear path through the CFIUS process. With offices in the greater Washington, D.C., and New York areas, Compass Point Analytics provides independent, proactive solutions to companies facing CFIUS. Compass Point Analytics is the only advisor that offers perspectives gained through participation in more than 500 CFIUS cases. The company's approach to navigating the CFIUS process includes preparing clients for CFIUS before they focus on a transaction, evaluating the viability of specific investments, anticipating possible risk mitigation scenarios, developing a deal-specific strategy and action plan, and coordinating CFIUS-related efforts by the clients' other professional advisors. Compass Point Analytics was established with one mission—to enable clients to capitalize on investment opportunities in the U.S. For more information visit [compasspointanalytics.com](http://compasspointanalytics.com).