

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. Announces Departure of Chief Operating Officer

COSTA MESA, Calif., April 04, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. ("El Pollo Loco" and the "Company") (Nasdaq:LOCO) today announced the departure of Kay Bogeajis, Chief Operating Officer. Ms. Bogeajis has decided to leave the Company, effective March 30, 2016, to pursue personal interests. Ms. Bogeajis' responsibilities will be transitioned to other internal resources while the Company searches for a successor.

Steve Sather, President and Chief Executive Officer of El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc., stated, "I would like to thank Kay for the valuable contributions she has made to our team over the last three years. I wish her well in all of her future endeavors."

About El Pollo Loco

<u>El Pollo Loco</u> (Nasdaq:LOCO) is the nation's leading fire-grilled chicken restaurant chain renowned for its masterfully citrusmarinated, fire-grilled chicken and handcrafted entrees using fresh ingredients inspired by Mexican recipes. With more than 430 company-owned and franchised restaurants in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas and Utah, El Pollo Loco is expanding its presence in key markets like Houston and Dallas through a combination of company and existing and new franchisee development. Visit their website at <u>ElPolloLoco.com</u>.

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