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El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. to Announce Third Quarter 2016 Results on November 3, 2016

COSTA MESA, Calif., Oct. 11, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. ("El Pollo Loco") (NASDAQ:LOCO) today announced that it will host a conference call to discuss its third quarter 2016 financial results on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Hosting the call will be Steve Sather, Chief Executive Officer and President, and Larry Roberts, Chief Financial Officer. A press release with third quarter 2016 financial results will be issued that same day, shortly after the market close.

The conference call can be accessed live over the phone by dialing 877-407-3982 or for international callers by dialing 201-493-6780. A replay will be available after the call and can be accessed by dialing 877-870-5176 or for international callers by dialing 858-384-5517; the passcode is 13645671. The replay will be available until Thursday, November 17, 2016.

The conference call will also be webcast live from the Company's corporate website at <u>investor.elpolloloco.com</u> under the "Events & Presentations" page. An archive of the webcast will be available at the same location on the corporate website shortly after the call has concluded.

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 citrus-marinated, fire-grilled chicken and handcrafted entrees using fresh ingredients inspired by Mexican recipes. With more than 440 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 franchisee development. Visit us on our website at <u>ElPolloLoco.com</u>.

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