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**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET TO PRESENT AT THE SUNTRUST ROBINSON
HUMPHREY INSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE
ON APRIL 15-16, 2008**

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA, April 11, 2008 – Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT/CENTA) announced today that management will meet with investors at the SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Institutional Conference in Atlanta on April 15, 2008. A copy of our handout can be found on our website, www.central.com in our investor section on the morning of Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading innovator, marketer and producer of quality branded products for the lawn & garden and pet supplies markets. Committed to new product innovation, our products are sold to specialty independent and mass retailers in the following categories: In Lawn & Garden: Grass seed including the brands Pennington and The Rebels; wild bird feed and the brands Pennington and Kaytee; weed and insect control and the brands AMDRO, Sevin, Ironite and Over 'N Out and; decorative outdoor patio products and the brands Norcal, New England Pottery and Matthews Four Seasons. We also provide a host of other regional and application-specific garden brands and supplies. Pet categories include: Animal health and the brands Adams and Zodiac; aquatics and reptile and the brands Oceanic, Aqueon and RZilla; bird & small animal and the brands Kaytee, Super Pet and CritterTrail; dog & cat and the brands TFH/Nylabone, Four Paws, Pinnacle and Avoderm and; equine and the brands Farnam, Bronco and Super Mask. We also provide a host of other application-specific Pet brands and supplies. Central Garden & Pet is based in Walnut Creek, California, and has approximately 5,000 employees, primarily in North America and Europe. For additional information on Central Garden & Pet, including access to the Company's SEC filings, please visit the Company's website at <http://www.central.com/>.

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