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**General Mills Elects Hilda Ochoa-Brillembourg, CFA to its Board of Directors; Board also Declares Regular Quarterly Dividend**

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General Mills today elected Hilda Ochoa-Brillembourg, CFA, to its board of directors. Ms. Ochoa-Brillembourg is President and Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Investment Group (SIG) and Managing Director, Emerging Markets Investment Corporation and Emerging Markets Management. SIG and its affiliates design and implement global investment strategies for large institutional and individual investors.

Ochoa-Brillembourg, 54, founded SIG in 1987. From 1976 to 1987, she served as the chief investment officer of the Pension Investment Division at the World Bank. A native of Venezuela, Ochoa-Brillembourg also worked as an independent consultant in the fields of economics and finance, and as treasurer of the C.A. Luz Electrica de Venezuela prior to joining the World Bank. She serves on the boards of the Harvard Management Company, US Air Group, and the World Bank/International Monetary Fund Credit Union.

With the addition of Ochoa-Brillembourg, the General Mills board will have 14 members, three of whom are officers of the company.

In other action at its regularly scheduled December meeting, the General Mills board declared a quarterly dividend payment at the prevailing rate of \$.275 per share. The dividend is payable February 3, 2003, to shareholders of record January 10, 2003. General Mills and its predecessor company now have paid uninterrupted dividends without reduction for 104 years.

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