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Del Taco Introduces New Freshly Grilled Carne Asada

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Satisfy the Crave for Quality Steak Now at the Drive-Thru

LAKE FOREST, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 11/06/15 -- Del Taco Restaurants, Inc. (NASDAQ: TACO) is beefing up its menu with four craveable new items featuring Carne Asada Steak fresh grilled to order in the restaurants' working kitchens. Guests will taste the difference when they bite into the new fresh grilled protein, seasoned in an authentic marinade of chilies, herbs and spices. Del Taco invites guests to try the delicious new Carne Asada Street Taco for free valid with a coupon with any purchase when they sign up for Del Taco's Raving Fan eClub. Current eClub members will also be able to access the coupon.*

The new fresh grilled Carne Asada menu items made-to-order in house include:

- **Carne Asada Street Taco:** freshly grilled carne asada steak topped with Del Taco's new roasted chile salsa, sliced avocado, chopped onions and cilantro served in two warm corn tortillas
- **Epic Carne Asada Burrito:** 4.5 ounces of freshly grilled carne asada steak made with handmade pico de gallo salsa, guacamole, pinto beans slow-cooked from scratch and rice wrapped in a warm flour tortilla
- **Carne Asada Combo Burrito:** freshly grilled carne asada steak topped with fresh grated cheddar cheese, pinto beans slow-cooked from scratch and red sauce served in a warm tortilla
- **Carne Asada Fries:** freshly grilled carne asada steak, diced tomatoes, guacamole and Del Taco secret sauce served on crinkle-cut French fries

**Price and participation may vary.*

The launch of Del Taco's tender and juicy Carne Asada Steak follows the brand's recent addition of fresh sliced avocado, a new line of Fresca Bowls and the introduction of Handcrafted Ensaladas; all part of a continued

commitment to conveniently provide guests with high quality, delicious and UnFreshingBelievable® food for a great value.

"With our Carne Asada freshly grilled in our kitchens, Del Taco guests can savor quality, flavorful steak served hot off the grill at the convenience of a drive-thru," said John Cappasola, executive vice president and chief brand officer, Del Taco. "Our fresh grilled Carne Asada, featuring an authentic blend of seasonings combined with our fresh ingredients, promises to leave carnivores across the country craving more."

To complement the new Carne Asada Street Taco, Del Taco has also introduced a new signature Roasted Chile Salsa. The spicier salsa, made from a combination of three distinct dried peppers including toasted chile de arbol and smoked chipotle and California chilies and blended with ripe tomatoes and roasted onion and garlic, can be added to any menu item for an extra kick.

About Del Taco Restaurants, Inc.

At Del Taco (NASDAQ: TACO) all menu items taste better because they are made to order with fresh ingredients including cheddar cheese grated from 40-pound blocks, handmade pico de gallo salsa, lard-free beans slow-cooked from scratch, fresh sliced avocado and marinated chicken grilled in the restaurant. The menu, which includes a full line of breakfast, includes classic Mexican dishes such as tacos, burritos, quesadillas and nachos as well as American favorites including hamburgers, crinkle-cut fries and shakes. Del Taco's UnFreshing Believable campaign communicates the lengths the company goes to in order to deliver quality, made-to-order menu items created with freshly-prepared ingredients at unbelievable prices. With nearly 550 restaurants in 16 states, Del Taco serves more than three million guests each week. For more information, please visit www.deltaco.com.

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