Mike Robach joined Cargill in January of 2004 to lead the company’s global food safety and regulatory programs. In this role he leads Cargill’s corporate efforts across food protection and security, quality assurance, animal health and regulatory compliance. Mike started out his career with Monsanto Company and prior to joining Cargill he headed up technical services for Wayne Farms LLC. Mike is a graduate of Michigan State University and Virginia Tech. He is a member of the Board of the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), the American Meat Institute, the National Turkey Federation, GMA’s Science Institute Executive Board, past chairman of the U.S Poultry and Egg Association’s Research Advisory Committee, a member of the International Association of Food Protection, the Institute of Food Technologists, and the American Society for Microbiology. Mike is the President of Safe, Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE), a group of global food companies, NGOs, intergovernmental agencies and universities working together to assure the safety and security of the global food supply chain. He has worked closely with the OIE, FAO, USDA, FDA and global governments regarding food safety policy, HACCP, and regulatory reform based on science. From 1995 through 2000, Mike was a member of the National Advisory Committee for Microbiological Criteria in Foods.

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