

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

July 7, 2010

Via Facsimile (314) 259-2020 and U.S. Mail

William F. Seabaugh, Esq. Bryan Cave LLP 211 N. Broadway One Metropolitan Square, Suite 3600 St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Re: American Italian Pasta Company

Schedule TO-T/A
Filed July 6, 2010 by
Ralcorp Holdings, Inc. and
Excelsior Acquisition Co.

File No. 5-53419

Dear Mr. Seabaugh:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comment.

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1. We note your revisions in response to our comment, but you have not addressed the all-holders provision in Rule 14d-10. Your statement that tenders will not be accepted from or on behalf of holders in certain jurisdictions does not meet the requirement that your tender offer be open to all target security holders, including persons located in foreign jurisdictions. Please revise.

Please direct any questions to me at (202) 551-3267. You may also contact me via facsimile at (202) 772-9203. Please send all correspondence to us at the following ZIP code: 20549-3628.

Sincerely,

Julia E. Griffith Special Counsel Office of Mergers & Acquisitions