

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Batista Jose JR</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>AV. BRIGADEIRO FERIA LIMA, 2391,</u> <u>2 ANDAR CONJUNTO 22, SALA 2</u>  (Street) <u>SAO PAULO D5 01452-000</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/28/2009</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PILGRIMS PRIDE CORP [ PPC ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>134,397,620</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>By JBS USA Holdings, Inc.<sup>(1)</sup></u>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. As more particularly described in the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed by JBS USA Holdings, Inc. ("JBS USA") and the other reporting persons identified therein (including Jose Batista) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on January 7, 2010, Jose Batista Junior, together with the other members of the Batista Family (as defined in the Schedule 13D), indirectly control JBS USA.

/s/ Christopher Gaddis, by 01/07/2010  
power of attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned does hereby constitute and appoint Christopher Gaddis the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to, as applicable:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or ten-percent owner of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the rules thereunder, Schedule 13D in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder, a joint filing agreement in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Exchange Act, and any amendments to the foregoing;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 or 5, Schedule 13D or joint filing agreement, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form, schedule or agreement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve to such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Sections 16 or 13D of the Exchange Act of 1934, as applicable.

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This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 or Schedule 13D, as applicable, with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the 5th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Jose Batista Junior  
Jose Batista Junior

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