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Philom Bios Signs Agreement with Saskferco to Market Nitrogain in Western Canada

March 31, 2005, Saskatoon, SK – Philom Bios Inc. and Saskferco Products Inc. are pleased to announce the signing of an agreement that will see Philom Bios support the marketing of Nitrogain products in western Canada.

Nitrogain is urea or UAN fertilizer pretreated with AGROTAIN "C". In this ready-to-use format, Nitrogain offers retailers a convenient way to provide the benefits of stabilized nitrogen to their farmer customers. The use of stabilized nitrogen technology to reduce nitrogen losses from urea and UAN and enhance seed-placed fertilizer safety has been growing rapidly. Nitrogain will help facilitate this growth.

"We are delighted to be working with Saskferco, a leading fertilizer manufacturer, to help bring stabilized nitrogen products to the western Canadian market," says Calvin Sonntag, President/CEO of Philom Bios Inc. "Producers looking to maximize the efficiency of their fertility investment continue to tell us about the value stabilized nitrogen technology brings to their farms. We are very excited to add Nitrogain to our line-up of fertility efficiency tools."

Fred Gill, President and CEO of Saskferco Products Inc, agrees. "The partnership with Philom Bios will accelerate our efforts to one day have all of our products incorporate a nitrogen stabilizer. The partnership with Philom Bios is ideal as it builds on the marketing and sales efforts they have been putting behind AGROTAIN since they started marketing it in 2003."

AGROTAIN International, which manufactures AGROTAIN and other stabilized nitrogen products, is also excited to see this partnership between the two companies. Michael D. Stegmann, President of the company, says "Saskferco's leadership in the industry is second to none in Canada, and Philom Bios has been wonderful to work with promoting the stabilized nitrogen technology in western Canada. I can see a great fit with these companies working together to promote this easy to use form of urea and UAN containing AGROTAIN to dealers and growers in western Canada."

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Philom Bios is a world leading Inoculant Company with over 70 employees across North America in a wide range of research, manufacturing, marketing, and management positions. Headquartered in Saskatoon, SK, Philom Bios is a Canadian public company serving the needs of farmers with high-value inoculants. Philom Bios has a 20+ year commitment to farmers through a dynamic partnership with distributors and leading retailers.

Saskferco Products Inc., located in Saskatchewan, is one of North America's largest producers of granular urea and anhydrous ammonia. Saskferco produces 2,900 tonnes per day of granular urea, plus 1,900 tonnes per day of anhydrous ammonia (NH₃), and 670 tonnes per day of Urea Ammonium Nitrate (UAN) for shipment to North American customers.



Saskferco entered into a licensing and supply agreement with AGROTAIN International to be the exclusive Canadian manufacturer of Urea and UAN products containing AGROTAIN "C". Nitrogain is the trademark name associated with these pretreated fertilizer products.

AGROTAIN International, L.L.C. manufactures and markets nitrogen fertilizers containing AGROTAIN, a patented nitrogen stabilizer that reduces urea and urea-ammonium nitrate losses in Agriculture, Turf & Ornamental market segments.

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