

BURCON ENTERS INTO CLARISOY™ AGREEMENTS

Vancouver, British Columbia, March 4, 2009 – Burcon NutraScience Corporation (“Burcon”) (TSX-V: BU) announces that it has entered into material transfer agreements (“MTAs”) and non-disclosure agreements (“NDAs”) with a number of globally recognized food, beverage and nutritional product companies for the evaluation of Burcon’s innovative soy protein isolate, CLARISOY™.

“We are delighted with the tremendous response from major beverage, food and nutritional product companies sampling and evaluating CLARISOY™,” stated Johann F. Tergesen, Burcon’s President & COO, who added, “We look forward to working with these potential partners in creating opportunities and applications for CLARISOY™.”

CLARISOY™ is 100% soluble and completely transparent in acidic solutions, enabling applications in ready to drink beverages ranging down to pH 2.5 and lower. The solubility and transparency of CLARISOY™ allows for its use in a wide variety of beverages where traditional soy isolates are not appropriate. CLARISOY™ is heat stable, permitting hot-fill applications and eliminates the traditional ‘beanie’ taste of soy, giving beverages a cleaner flavor. As such, Burcon’s CLARISOY™ shows great promise for use in a variety of beverage and food applications including nutritional, sports and energy drinks, juices and waters.

CLARISOY™ is expected to be price competitive with existing proteins and should be of particular interest to food and beverage manufacturers seeking an alternative to high dairy protein prices.

In a news release dated November 6, 2008, Burcon announced the appointment of BMO Capital Markets as its exclusive financial advisor to assist Burcon with a process to identify and pursue alternatives for the commercialization of its innovative protein extraction technologies, including its recently announced CLARISOY™ soy protein isolate technology. Today's announcement regarding the execution of MTA's and NDA's and the associated sampling of Burcon's CLARISOY™ by major end users is an integral part of that ongoing process.

About Burcon NutraScience

Burcon is a leader in nutrition, health and wellness from functional, renewable plant proteins. Since 1999, Burcon has developed a portfolio of composition, application, and process patents originating from our core protein extraction and purification technology. We are developing the world's first commercial canola proteins, Puratein® and Supertein™ with unique functional and nutritional attributes, and CLARISOY™, a revolutionary soy protein isolate which is 100% soluble and completely transparent in acidic solutions. Our

team of highly specialized scientists and engineers work from our own research facility to develop and optimize environmentally sound technologies. To-date, our patent portfolio consists of 72 issued patents worldwide, including 8 issued U.S. patents, and well in excess of 200 additional pending patent applications, 51 of which are U.S. patent applications.

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The TSX Venture Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy of the content of the information contained herein. This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, plans and timing for the introduction or enhancement of our products, statements about future market conditions, supply and demand conditions, and other expectations, intentions and plans contained in this press release that are not historical fact. Our expectations regarding the prospect for future success depend upon our ability to develop and sell products, which we do not produce today and cannot be sold without further research and development. When used in this press release, the words “goal,” “intend,” “believes” and “potential” and similar expressions, generally identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current expectations. They are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. In light of the many risks and uncertainties surrounding the development of a source of protein from canola meal, you should understand that we cannot assure you that the forward looking statements contained in this press release will be realized.

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