

**BURCON GRANTED U.S. PATENT
PATENT GRANTED FOR ENHANCED OILSEED PROTEIN RECOVERY**

Vancouver, British Columbia, August 24, 2006 – Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX-V: BU) announces today that it has been granted a U.S. patent for a novel and commercially important component of its protein extraction and purification technology. The newly granted patent - United States Patent Number 7,087,720; “Enhanced Oilseed Protein Recovery” - covers critical processing conditions which enable an improved yield of oilseed protein isolate, preferably canola protein isolate, in an oilseed meal aqueous extraction procedure.

The principal value of the unique processing conditions captured by this patent is a marked improvement in protein recovery. Additionally, the functional and nutritional qualities of the protein isolates produced are also improved through the same processing modifications.

Burcon now holds five U.S. patents over canola protein processing technology and canola protein isolate product uses.

Burcon has filed patent applications for eighteen additional inventions. These patent applications, which are currently being reviewed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, can be segregated into three general categories. First, Burcon has made patent applications to protect further novel processing steps for the extraction and purification of proteins from oilseed meals including canola meal. Second, Burcon has filed patents over the uses of Puratein[®] and Supertein[™], for example as functional food and beverage ingredients. Third, Burcon has filed for patents over the “signature characteristics” of its products, including its canola proteins Puratein[®] and Supertein[™].

In addition to its U.S. patent applications, Burcon has filed applications for most of its inventions internationally under the Patent Cooperation Treaty of the World Intellectual Property Organization in some 35 countries, including the European Union, Japan, China, India, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

“It is a pleasure to see our research efforts come to fruition in the form of registered patents,” stated Johann F. Tergesen, Burcon’s President & COO. “Burcon’s intellectual property portfolio is our principal asset and represents the innovations and efforts of our research team’s past eight years of work,” said Mr. Tergesen

Under the terms of the license and development agreement with Archer Daniels Midland (“ADM”), ADM can commercially utilize Burcon’s intellectual property portfolio for the extraction and purification of canola protein isolates – namely Puratein[®] and Supertein[™] – in all geographic regions and for all uses. The newly granted U.S. patent described in this news release was specifically referenced in the September 2003 license and development agreement.

About Burcon NutraScience

Burcon is a research and development company developing a portfolio of composition, application, and process patents around its plant protein extraction and purification technology. The goal of Burcon's research is to develop its patented process to utilize inexpensive oilseed meals for the production of purified plant proteins that exhibit valuable nutritional, functional, or nutraceutical profiles. Burcon, in conjunction with Archer Daniels Midland, is currently focusing its efforts on developing the world's first commercial canola proteins, Puratein® and Supertein™. Canola, recognized for its nutritional qualities, is the second-largest oilseed crop in the world after soybeans. Burcon's goal is to develop Puratein and Supertein to participate with soy, dairy, and egg proteins in the expanding multi-billion-dollar protein ingredient market, with potential uses in prepared foods, nutritional supplements, and personal care products.

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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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