

BURCON GRANTED U.S. PATENTS ON SUPERTEIN™ FUNCTIONALITY

Vancouver, British Columbia, May 23, 2007 – Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX-V: BU) announces today that it has been granted two U.S. patents for the novel uses of Burcon's Supertein™ as a functional component in food compositions. The newly granted patents - United States Patent Numbers 7,211,286 and 7,211,288: "Canola Protein Isolate Functionality III" - cover important functional characteristics for the use of Burcon's Supertein™ in food compositions generally and a canola protein isolate fortified beverage formulated from Supertein™.

Burcon now holds seven U.S. patents over canola protein processing technology and canola protein isolate applications. Supertein's™ functional applications - which are embodied in these patents - enable its use in a variety of food products to replace, wholly or partially, other ingredients including proteins.

Burcon has filed patent applications for seventeen 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 additional patents over certain unique 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.

"These patents cover commercially significant functional attributes of our Supertein™ canola protein isolate," stated Johann F. Tergesen, Burcon's President & COO. "These patents further strengthen our growing portfolio of intellectual property over canola protein extraction technologies and the use of those proteins as valuable food ingredients. Burcon and its wholly owned subsidiary now hold seven U.S. patents and numerous international patents and patent applications," said Mr. Tergesen.

Under the terms of the license and development agreement with Archer Daniels Midland ("ADM"), ADM can commercially exploit 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. patents described in this news release were 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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