

**BURCON GRANTED TWO U.S. PATENTS
PATENTS GRANTED FOR NOVEL PROCESSING TECHNIQUES AND FOR
FUNCTIONAL USES OF CANOLA PROTEIN ISOLATES**

Vancouver, British Columbia, February 23, 2006 – Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX-V: BU) announces today that it has been granted a U.S. patent for a major component of its protein extraction and purification technology. United States Patent Number 6,992,173 B2 - “Protein Extraction from Canola Oil Seed Meal” - covers an improved process for the recovery of protein from canola oil seed meal and other oil seed meals. Both the amount and quality of protein isolate are improved through processing modifications to the input oilseed meal instead of the use of conventional meal.

Burcon is also pleased to announce that it has been granted a U.S. patent over the functional attributes of blends of its canola protein isolates Puratein[®] and Supertein[™]. United States Patent Number 7,001,990 – “Canola Protein Isolate Functionality II” – covers a protein isolate, obtained from canola oil seed meal, as a functional component in food compositions. One example is the use of these isolates as an emulsifying agent in salad dressings.

Including its two existing U.S. patents, Burcon now holds a total of four granted U.S. patents over canola protein processing technology and canola protein isolate product uses.

Burcon has filed for patent applications for nineteen additional inventions. The applications, which are currently being reviewed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, can be broadly grouped into three areas. Firstly, patent applications have been made over further novel processing steps for the extraction and purification of proteins from oilseed meals including canola meal. Secondly, Burcon has filed for patents over the uses of Puratein[®] and Supertein[™], for example as functional food ingredients. Lastly, Burcon has filed for patents over the “signature characteristics” of its products including its canola proteins Puratein[®] and Supertein[™].

In addition to the 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.

“Over the past six years, our team has invested a tremendous amount of resources, both financial and human, into the development of numerous innovations that strengthen our protein extraction technology,” stated Johann F. Tergesen, Burcon’s President & COO who added, “The proteins we are now able to produce have the potential to open up some exciting large-market food and beverage applications and our intellectual property portfolio will be the key to protecting that commercial opportunity. Intellectual property is our principal asset and as such we will continue to pursue additional patents vigorously.”

In September 2003 Burcon entered into a license and development agreement with Archer Daniels Midland (“ADM”). Under the terms of the agreement, ADM can commercially exploit Burcon’s intellectual property for the extraction and purification of canola protein isolates – Puratein® and Supertein™ – in all geographic regions and for all uses. The two additional U.S. patents now granted as announced above 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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