



BURCON EXPANDS CLARISOY™ APPLICATIONS

FILES FOR ADDITIONAL PATENT PROTECTION

Vancouver, British Columbia, March 12, 2009 – Burcon NutraScience Corporation (“Burcon”) (TSX-V: BU) announced today it has filed for further patent protection with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office over additional functional attributes of its CLARISOY™ soy protein isolate which are expected to expand CLARISOY™’s commercial importance.

One notable application is for the use of CLARISOY™ in powdered drink mixes. Powdered CLARISOY™ is easily dispersed and dissolved, 100% soluble, and is completely transparent in solutions. As such, CLARISOY™ could be formulated as a protein source in a variety of powdered beverage mixes or can be easily added by the consumer by stirring directly into their favorite beverage.

Powdered beverage mixes are a well established and growing product category. In addition to conventional canisters, today’s powdered drink mixes are available in single-shot sleeves, referred to as “sticks,” available in multi-packs in the super market aisle or as single servings at point of sale and are easily added to bottled water.

The formulation of today’s powdered drink mixes has also seen significant advancement. Powdered drink mixes come in many varieties including energy drink mixes and sport drink mixes. One significant and growing category is “nutrient enhanced drink mixes” which includes dietetic powdered mixes targeted at weight loss. Recent research suggests that protein can play an important role in helping people control their weight by curbing their appetite, as protein is more satiating than carbohydrate or fat. The dietetic mixes currently marketed typically incorporate dairy protein in the form of whey protein isolate: an expensive source of protein with issues for the lactose intolerant.

CLARISOY™ shows great promise for use in powdered drink mixes both for its nutritional value and its functional value. CLARISOY™ does not suffer from the traditional ‘beany’ taste of soy, providing beverages a cleaner and distinctly pleasant flavour. The exceptional taste profile, combined with the solubility and transparency of CLARISOY™, allows for its use in a wide variety of powdered drink mixes, including delicate fruit flavors and waters where traditional soy isolates are not appropriate. These advantages are expected to make CLARISOY™ a valuable ingredient in certain food and beverage applications

“We believe CLARISOY™ is an exceptional ingredient for food formulators producing nutrient enhanced drink mixes while also providing convenience for consumers” stated Johann F. Tergesen, Burcon’s President & COO, who added, “Burcon is well positioned to benefit from the growing health and wellness trend as well as the emphasis on natural ingredients, all of which favours the inclusion of a functionally appealing protein source like CLARISOY™.”

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.

About Burcon NutraScience

Burcon is a leader in nutrition, health and wellness in the field of 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 76 issued patents worldwide, including 8 issued U.S. patents, and well in excess of 200 additional pending patent applications, 54 of which are U.S. patent applications.

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