



BURCON RECEIVES THREE NOTICES OF ALLOWANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Vancouver, British Columbia, October 15, 2009 — Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX - BU) (“Burcon” or the “Corporation”) is pleased to announce today that it has received notices of allowance from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for three separate patent applications. Two of the three allowances relate to patent applications covering unique processes for the efficient production of Burcon’s Puratein® canola protein isolate and Supertein™ canola protein isolate. The third allowance received relates to a patent application covering an extraction procedure for the preparation of a highly refined Supertein™ canola protein isolate.

Puratein® is a cruciferin-rich canola protein isolate comprised principally of globulin proteins. The functional properties of Puratein® include emulsification, gel formation, thickening, formation of heat-stable foams, and water and ingredient-binding. Applications for Puratein® include dressings and sauces, meat substitutes, baked goods and protein bars, among many others.

Supertein™ is a highly-soluble napin-rich canola protein isolate comprised principally of albumin proteins. The functional properties of Supertein™ include excellent solubility, the ability to form transparent solutions and foaming. Nutritionally, Burcon’s Supertein™ is uniquely rich in sulfur amino acids, particularly cysteine. Applications for Supertein™ include beverages, confectionery, aerated desserts, and protein bars, among others.

“We are pleased to have received these notices of allowance from the United States Patent and Trademark Office which further strengthen the intellectual property portfolio that we are building,” said Johann F. Tergesen, President and Chief Operating Officer, adding, “For ten years, Burcon has conducted research aimed at commercializing our renewable plant proteins with unique and valuable functional and nutritional properties: Puratein® and Supertein™ canola protein isolates and our revolutionary soy protein isolate CLARISOY™. Securing patents over the technologies that we have developed is an integral part of our overall commercialization strategy.”

To-date, Burcon’s patent portfolio consists of 92 issued patents in various countries, including 8 issued U.S. patents, and in excess of 200 additional pending patent applications, 70 of which are U.S. patent applications. Six of Burcon’s 70 U.S. patent applications have now been allowed, including the three patent allowances which are the subject of this news release, and will be issued as granted U.S. patents in the near future.

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 92 issued patents in various countries, including 8 issued U.S. patents, and in excess of 200 additional pending patent applications, 70 of which are U.S. patent applications.

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Burcon NutraScience Corporation is a publicly listed company on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "BU". For more information on Burcon, visit www.burcon.ca.

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, the Corporation's, 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", "potential", "expected", "anticipates", "will be", and similar expressions, generally identify forwardlooking 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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