

AgraQuest Partners with Alharma to Bring New Technology to Animal Nutrition Sector

Supply Agreement Will Provide Alharma with AgraQuest Technology to Develop New Poultry Product

DAVIS, Calif. and BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (September 10, 2009) – AgraQuest Inc. and Alharma Animal Health announced today that they have agreed to terms for a supply agreement in which AgraQuest will supply their proprietary strain of *Bacillus subtilis*. This input will be used as a key ingredient in a new poultry nutrition product under development by Alharma. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Alharma Animal Health, a wholly owned subsidiary of King Pharmaceuticals (NYSE: KG), is a global leader in the development, registration, manufacturing and marketing of pharmaceutical products for food-producing animals. AgraQuest, an innovator in biological and low-chem pest management solutions, is most closely associated with developing and marketing disease and pest control products for commercial crop production. This agreement represents AgraQuest's first step outside of its traditional agrochemical base for intellectual property held by the company.

With consumers demanding a wide range of choices in poultry products, Alharma sees the agreement as a crucial step in developing new and innovative alternatives for helping to ensure poultry health and nutrition.

“This agreement supports our efforts to develop and commercialize novel technologies to address a variety of health challenges, improve animal performance and help ensure the safety of food,” said Layne Asay, Director of Strategic Marketing, Alharma. “Alharma has always been committed to providing the world with a safe, abundant and affordable food supply, and we are pleased to be able to work with AgraQuest as a partner in achieving that goal.”

For AgraQuest, the agreement is part of a strategic expansion of research and development efforts into new markets outside of crop protection.

“Our team has long known that we have developed technologies that have practical applications in segments other than agrochemicals,” said Mike Miille, President and COO of AgraQuest and head of AgraQuest's BioInnovations division. “We are very excited about our relationship with Alharma. Their reputation and leadership in the animal health and nutrition sector provides AgraQuest with an excellent partner for the full development of our technology. We expect this to be only the first of a number of partnerships with leading companies in markets such as animal health and nutrition, food safety and preservation, seed treatment, consumer home and garden, and professional products.”

Alpharma plans to launch the new product using AgraQuest's technology during the fourth quarter of 2009.

About Alpharma Animal Health

Alpharma Inc. is a global animal health company with a leadership position in the registration, manufacture, and marketing of a broad range of pharmaceutical and nutritional products for food-producing animals. Alpharma is presently active in more than 60 countries. Alpharma is a wholly owned subsidiary of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NYSE:KG). For more information please visit www.alpharma.com.

About AgraQuest, Inc.

AgraQuest is a biotechnology company that focuses on discovering, developing, manufacturing and marketing highly effective pest management products for agricultural, institutional and home markets. As a leader in the emerging low chem sector, AgraQuest works to provide growers with solutions that offer best in class control while reducing the chemical load on the environment. The Agrochemical division of AgraQuest offers a global portfolio of products – recognized as safer to beneficials, workers, and the environment – that includes SERENADE®, SERENADE® Garden, RHAPSODY®, SONATA® and BALLAD® fungicides and BARITONE® and REQUIEM® insecticides. AgraQuest's BioInnovations division provides the company an avenue to take biological and low-chemical technology created for the agriculture industry and discover innovative uses for it in related markets. The BioInnovations division identifies both appropriate market segments and opportunities for AgraQuest's intellectual property, while seeking industry leaders in ancillary markets to partner in the commercialization and distribution process. AgraQuest has received several environmental awards including the Presidential Green Chemistry Award from the U.S. EPA for the discovery and commercialization of SERENADE. For more information visit www.agraquest.com.