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CIRCA GROUP'S BIO-BASED CHEMICALS FEATURED IN MERCK KGaA WEBINAR

OSLO, NORWAY – 28 September 2021 – LGO derivatives and renewable solvent Cyrene™ made by biotechnology company Circa Group will be profiled by Merck KGaA in an online [webinar](#) by Dr Jane Murray, Global Head of Green Chemistry at Merck KGaA's Life Sciences Division, on September 30 at 08.00 EST.

Merck has been an early adopter of green chemistry approaches and was one of the first companies in the chemicals industry to support the commercialisation of Cyrene™. Circa Group has been working with Merck for the last 5 years to provide research and industrial customers with access to its novel bio-based chemicals.

Circa's Furacell™ process converts non-food biomass waste into advanced bio-based chemicals, including renewable solvent Cyrene™ which can replace traditional, toxic, fossil-based solvents such as NMP, DMF, DCM and DMSO.

Tony Duncan, CEO and co-founder of Circa Group, said, "This event further supports the commercial reality of more sustainable and greener chemistries. I am pleased that customers will have the opportunity to learn about the sustainability and performance of our renewable solvent Cyrene™ from Dr Murray."

About Circa

Established in 2006, Circa Group converts waste, non-food biomass into advanced bio-based chemicals with its proprietary Furacell™ process. Its developing product portfolio includes flavours, biopolymers, and bio-solvents including Cyrene™, an alternative to traditional polar aprotic solvents, which is produced in one step from platform biomolecule Levoglucosenone. By creating novel and replacement chemicals from renewable feedstocks, Circa is both extracting value from non-food, waste biomass, and addressing growing market demands for bio-based alternatives that are driving a more sustainable economy. In March 2021, Circa Group successfully listed on the Euronext Growth Market in Oslo, stock symbol CIRCA.

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