Burcon Congratulates Protein Industries Canada

Plant Protein Industry – To Share in $950 Million Innovation Superclusters Program

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Feb. 20, 2018 -- Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX:BU) (NASDAQ:BUR) ("Burcon" or the "Corporation"), a leader in natural product extraction, purification and isolation technologies, congratulates Protein Industries Canada on being selected as one of five technology "superclusters" to receive funding from the Government of Canada's $950 million Innovation Superclusters program. The plant protein supercluster will receive more than $150 million of federal funding over the next five years. The announcement was made on February 15th by Canada's federal minister of innovation, science and economic development Navdeep Bains.

Protein Industries Canada, an industry-led alliance, notes that by 2050, the global population is expected to rise by 30 percent from today's level. At the same time, global agriculture faces the prospect of a changing climate and a burgeoning global population that is becoming more affluent. These trends taken together are driving the need for additional sustainable, climate-friendly sources of high-quality protein for a healthier diet. The federal funding just announced is expected to supplement roughly $400 million of cash, in-kind commitments and venture capital support that Protein Industries Canada has seen pledged to the industry from its members.

"Burcon is pleased to be a founding supporter and contributor to the Protein Industries Canada alliance," said Johann Tergesen, Burcon's president and chief operating officer, adding, "It's exciting for Burcon to note that the plant proteins, which Protein Industries Canada has specifically chosen to focus on, include canola, pea, hemp and flaxseed. These are all plant proteins for which Burcon has specifically developed leading-edge extraction processes. We look forward to participating in the expansion of Canada's plant protein industry as it evolves into a world food innovation superpower."

A key objective of the Innovation Supercluster program is to build a shared competitive advantage for the cluster and attract cutting-edge research, investment and talent by, aligning strengths, enhancing attributes, and positioning the supercluster as a world-leading innovation hotbed.

About Protein Industries Canada

Protein Industries Canada is an industry-led not-for-profit alliance of over 120 private-sector companies, academic institutions, and other stakeholders across Western Canada aimed at fully developing the potential of plant-based proteins from crops such as canola, pulses such as pea, grains, hemp, and flax. This alliance seeks to capitalize on Canada's world-class strengths in agriculture and food technology to advance economic growth through innovation in the area of plant-based proteins and co-products. Protein Industries Canada's work will focus on improvements and opportunities in four areas: crop breeding, crop production, value-added processing, and export development.

About Burcon NutraScience Corporation

Burcon is a leader in developing technologies for the production of valuable plant-sourced ingredients for use in food, nutrition, wellness and supplement products. The company has developed a portfolio of composition, application, and process patents originating from a core protein extraction and purification technology. Burcon's CLARISOY™ soy protein offers clarity and high-quality protein nutrition for low pH beverage systems and excellent solubility and exceptionally clean flavor at any pH; Peazazz® is a uniquely soluble and clean-tasting pea protein; and Puratein®, Supertein® and Nutratein® are canola protein isolates with unique functional and nutritional attributes. Burcon is also conducting research to develop extraction and isolation processes for the production of purified cannabinoid extracts from cannabis and other organic source materials. For more information about the company, visit www.burcon.ca.

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