



Agrisoma Expands Its Team with Two Key Appointments

Mejda Lortie and Rick Bennett join the biofuel innovator

Saskatoon, SK February 13, 2012 – Agrisoma Biosciences Inc. has expanded its team with the appointments of Mejda Lortie as Director of Regulatory and Government Affairs and Rick Bennett as Plant Breeder. These additions reflect the continued growth and business development Agrisoma is experiencing as it commercializes Carinata, an energy feedstock crop uniquely suited for biofuel production.

Mejda Lortie, in her role as Director, Regulatory and Government Affairs, will be responsible for managing the regulatory program for the company's proprietary Engineered Trait Loci (ETL) technology and Carinata crop platform. Mejda will also lead product stewardship activities; direct Agrisoma public affairs strategies and activities; and, represent Agrisoma on relevant seed, biotech and biofuel regulatory committees. She is particularly well qualified for this position, most recently serving as the Director of Agricultural and Environmental Policy and Industry Relations for BIOTECCanada, and possessing a PhD in Environmental Chemistry, an M.Sc in Sustainable Development, and a B.Sc in Agricultural Engineering. Mejda will be based in Ottawa.

Rick Bennett joins Agrisoma as Plant Breeder. In this role, Rick will lead all Agrisoma Carinata breeding activities and manage the Carinata breeding program in North and South America. Rick will work closely with Agrisoma partners on plant breeding initiatives and represent the company within the plant breeding community. Rick, who is completing his PhD under Dr. Habibur Rahman of the University of Alberta, brings significant *Brassica* breeding experience to the program and will be key to advancing Carinata performance objectives. He will be working out of the company's Saskatoon office at the National Research Council-Plant Biotechnology Institute.

"We are very pleased to add both Mejda and Rick to the Agrisoma team," said Steven Fabijanski, President and CEO of Agrisoma. "They each bring a valuable set of skills and experience to Agrisoma and will play important roles in our delivery of a sustainable, scalable source of biofuel."

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About Agrisoma

Agrisoma Inc. is a private agricultural biotechnology company using its proprietary Engineered Trait Loci (ETL) technology to commercialize a suite of industry-leading oil quality and crop improvement traits for use in energy feedstock crops. For further information about Agrisoma, its technology, collaborations and partnerships, please visit: www.agrisoma.com

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