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Fytokem Products Inc. Signs Collaborative Development and Marketing Agreement with Swiss-based Multinational Life Sciences Company

New agreement to target bio-industrial applications for Fytokem's bioactive Library

SASKATOON, November 20 --- Fytokem Products Inc. (CDNX: FYT), a leading discoverer and developer of therapeutic plant extracts and bioactive molecules, today announced it has signed a product development and licensing agreement with Lonza Inc., the US subsidiary of Lonza Group Ltd. Of Switzerland, a leading specialty chemicals company with headquarters in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, to collaborate on the development and commercialization of a variety of natural chemical products and formulations based on plant-based bio active extracts.

“The Lonza Group is the second industry leading chemical supplier to partner with us,” noted Art Hesje, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fytokem, in announcing the agreement. “This new agreement represents a very significant opportunity for Fytokem and helps set the stage for our continued growth. As one of the world’s leading suppliers of chemicals to life sciences companies, we could not ask for a better partner to recognize our research and development efforts than the Lonza Group. We look forward to a long and prosperous association with them,” he added.

“Plant-based bio-actives are an area of interest for Lonza,” commented Allan Kushins, Vice President, Marketing for Lonza Performance Chemicals. “We believe the plants from the Canadian prairie offer us an opportunity to develop new active ingredients and Fytokem has a very promising library of botanicals in this area. Their science is impressive, and they have a low-cost commercialization process which adds to the appeal of their compounds,” he added.

About Fytokem Products Inc.

Fytokem Products Inc. is a Canadian life sciences company engaged in the discovery and commercialization of novel Function-Certified™ plant-based substances -- extracts, phytochemicals and bioactive molecules -- for use as ingredients in personal care, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical and bio-industrial products, both domestically and internationally. Fytokem has applied for several scientific patents, and has developed a proprietary commercial scale manufacturing process.

About Lonza Group

Lonza Group is Life Sciences driven chemical company headquartered in Switzerland, with sales of CHF (Swiss francs) 1.7 billion in 2000 and operating 13 facilities in 6 countries. It employs 4700 people worldwide and is the leading supplier of active chemical ingredients, intermediates and biotechnology solutions to the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries. It also offers a broad catalogue of organic intermediates for a wide range of applications such as pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, vitamins, food/feedstuff, dyes/pigments, adhesives and fragrances. Furthermore, the Group manufactures specialty biocides and oleochemicals for a wide range of global applications.

The Canadian Venture Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved the information herein contained.

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