FuturaGene and Beijing Forestry University to develop advanced plantation forestry for cheaper bioenergy

London and Beijing, 26 October 2011. FuturaGene, a world leader in the enhancement of yield and sustainability of woody crops for plantation forestry, biopower and biofuel markets, has entered into a three-year general collaborative development agreement with China's Beijing Forest University (BFU),China's leading forest university.

FuturaGene and BFU will work together on the research, development and commercialization of sustainable, ecologically-sound technology in the field of advanced plantation forestry for biofuels. The relationship will allow FuturaGene first view on advanced new technologies from BFU, access to some of the best graduates in forest biology and forest engineering in China, and will provide collaboration and in-licensing opportunities in woody species that areunique to China and adapted to marginal lands.

Stanley Hirsch, Chief Executive of FuturaGene, commented:

"This is our fifth major agreement in China with key institutions and corporates, following closely on our agreement last month with the Guangxi Academy of Sciences. This agreement is fully aligned with our strategy of establishing public-private partnerships in important emerging economies as a building block for sustainable socioeconomic development based on a solid foundation of cutting-edge science."

"This agreement enables sustainable bioenergy production without impinging on food security."

Youqing Luo, Vice President of Beijing Forestry University, stressed:

"We are very excited to start this collaboration with FuturaGene, who are investing significant resources in developing technologies for enhancing the sustainability of plantation forestry and bioenergy production in China."

"The opportunities for synergy between BFU and FuturaGene extend beyond technologies and unique knowledge of Chinese woody species, through to significant opportunities for outstanding graduates to apply their knowledge in a commercial environment for the upgrading of forestry plantations and the utilization of marginal lands."

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FuturaGene, with facilities in Brazil, China and Israel, is a leader in plant genetic research and development for the global forestry, biopower and biofuel markets. FuturaGene develops sustainable, ecologically sound technology to meet the ever increasing demands for fiber, fuel and energy crops in the face of declining land and water resources.

FuturaGene aims to be the leading crop technology company for plantation forestry, biopower and second generation biofuel through two main technology platforms: yield and processability enhancement - driving gains in yield during crop growth and greater processability of crop, post-harvest; and yield protection to protect strategic crops from emerging threats caused by changing climate and diminishing resources and to enable marginal land usage.

FuturaGene's key crops are eucalyptus and poplar and its most advanced technologies are for yield improvement in sustainable industrial forestry.

After developing as an independent company since its inception in 1993, FuturaGene was acquired, in July 2010 by Suzano Pulp and Paper, a Brazilian company. As a wholly owned subsidiary of Suzano, FuturaGene will continue its worldwide biotech activities with enhanced resources driving its mission to be a world leader in sustainable plant genetic research and development.

About Beijing Forestry University (BFU)http://www.bjfu.edu.cn/english/

Beijing Forestry University is the number one specialized multidiscipline University in forestry high education in P.R.China, located in Zhong Guan Cun Hi-Tech Zone, Beijing. BFU mainly focuses on teaching, scientific research and social services in forestry, the ecological environment and biology and underpinned with multi-disciplinary faculties covering science, engineering, economics, management, law, liberal arts and wild-life conservation. It is made up of 15 separated colleges and will celebrate her 60 years anniversary next year. FuturaGene is collaborating with the College of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology of BFU. Both BFU and FuturaGene are willing to expand their fields of cooperation.