FUTURAGENE PLC ("FuturaGene" or the "Company") FuturaGene's Wholly Owned Subsidiary, CBD Technologies, Ltd. (FGN's, CBD Tech) will co-sponsor the Tree Biotechnology Conference of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) and present its Biomass Yield enhancing technology

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FuturaGene, which develops environmentally friendly solutions that enhance yields and improve the processability of plants for forestry, biofuels, biopower and agriculture, is to co-sponsor the upcoming Tree Biotechnology Conference of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) (June 28th to July 2nd, Whistler, Canada). Dr. Ziv Shani, Vice President Research & Development at CBD Technologies, will present the company's Plant Cell Wall Modulation Technology for enhancing biomass and increasing pulp yield and saccharification. Dr. Shani will be speaking on Wednesday, July 1st in session VI of the conference.

"The IUFRO Tree Biotechnology Conference is one of the most prominent gatherings of industry and academic players in forest and biomass biotechnology and provides an outstanding stage for sharing our perspective and capabilities with colleagues in the forestry, biofuel and biopower arenas. We are excited to co-sponsor and present at this important event" said Dr. Stanley Hirsch, Group CEO, FuturaGene.

Dr. Ziv Shani added "As a pioneer of plant cell wall modulation technology, CBD Tech has accumulated a vast knowledge base and experience in enhancing plant biomass and yield. We have implemented our technology in eucalyptus and poplar, as well as other crops, and we are currently conducting several field trials around the globe. In this context, we are part of a very small group of entities, which have taken agronomic traits from discovery to late stage commercial field trials".

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About FuturaGene PLC

FGN is a leading agricultural biotechnology company focused on research, development, and commercialization of technologies that play key roles in substantially improving agronomic traits of value in plants. In particular the Company is focused on the development and commercialization of genetically modified plants for improving and protecting yields, and enhancing processability and environmental sustainability in the forestry, biofuels, biopower and agricultural sectors. In addition to its in-house discovery program, FuturaGene licenses intellectual property from leading universities in its strategic fields of interest and is exploiting the synergies of these technologies with the cell wall modification platform of its wholly owned subsidiary, CBD Technologies, Inc. (CBD Tech) in forestry, biofuel, biopower, food and feed crops.

CBD Tech has pioneered a modality for modifying plant cell walls, resulting in enhanced growth and biomass, increased cellulose, improved fiber properties, improved digestibility and processability, and increased yield properties and has secured broad intellectual property covering plants with modified cell walls showing such altered properties. More information is available at .futuragene.com.