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FuturaGene Announces the Appointment of Mike Fromm as Non-Executive Director

FuturaGene Plc, which develops environmentally friendly solutions to allow crops to grow in hostile conditions, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Mike Fromm as a non-executive director.

Dr Fromm is currently Director of the Centre for Biotechnology and Professor of Agronomy at the University of Nebraska Lincoln and prior to this had a successful career in the biotechnology industry at Monanto, Mendel Biotechnology and Panakos.

In his seven years as director of biotechnology and plant genomics at Monsanto (1990-97), Dr Fromm initiated the company's plant genomics program and headed the research team that developed genetically-modified 'Roundup Ready' corn and 'YieldGard' corn, the Bt corn resistant to corn borers.

Mark Pritchard, FuturaGene's chairman, said 'We are extremely pleased Mike is joining us as a non-executive director. His experience in both the commercial and academic spheres of the agricultural biotech industry will be invaluable to us. I am confident he will play an integral role in helping us achieve our objectives.'

Dr Fromm does not hold any other directorships and there is no further information to be disclosed in accordance with paragraph (g) of Schedule 2 of the AIM rules.

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Notes to Editors

FuturaGene is committed to the research and development of environmentally friendly solutions to solve crop production problems.

FuturaGene Plc. Sponsors research at a consortium of universities to develop knowledge and create intellectual property that is essential to the development of crop species with enhanced agronomic characteristics including tolerance to a variety of environmental stress such as salt, drought and cold conditions. FuturaGene has established contracts with several universities for the exclusive global commercial rights on a suite of utility and provisional patents.

The Group's technology comprises of a licensed patented portfolio of genes which enhance the function of genes already present in the plant through over expression of these genes. FuturaGene has identified genes which confer enhanced tolerance and enable plants to withstand extreme environmental stresses such as cold, drought, fungal pathogens and high salt concentrations.

The total global market value of biotech crops in 2005 was estimated to be \$5.25 billion. The global area of biotech crops in 2005 was some 222 million acres, an increase of 11% over 2004.