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**David Nothmann Joins ArborGen as Vice President,
Business and Product Development**

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (April 12, 2010) – ArborGen, a world leader in tree improvement and production, announced that David Nothmann has joined the company as vice president, business and product development. In this position, Nothmann will be responsible for all aspects of the company’s strategic business planning, product development and regulatory affairs.

Prior to his current role, Nothmann led the Americas product management group for the vegetable business at Monsanto where he spent the last 13 years in various positions of increasing responsibility. He has extensive international work experience in strategy, licensing, product launches, strategic marketing and business development.

“David’s experience leading teams to bring biotech products to market will be a tremendous asset to ArborGen,” said Barbara Wells, president and chief executive officer. “His extensive work with all issues associated with commercial trait licensing agreements and his skill at negotiating these agreements will benefit ArborGen as we continue to commercialize new conventional and biotech products into traditional pulp and wood products markets as well as the emerging biopower and biofuels industry.”

Nothmann has a master’s of business administration and European management certificate from New York University, Stern School of Business. He received his bachelor of arts in American studies and German area studies from Tufts University.

About ArborGen, LLC

ArborGen is a leader in tree improvement and the commercial production of trees. We are dedicated to helping the global forest industry meet the growing demand for wood, pulp & paper, and energy in a more productive and sustainable way. Enabling more wood to be grown on less land helps conserve the world’s native forests in all their

beauty, diversity and complexity. With one of the world's most extensive tree germplasm resources, ArborGen uses both traditional breeding and advanced genetic technologies, to discover and produce high yield seedlings for our customers, allowing our customers to significantly increase the productivity of their forests and manufacturing processes. Our mission is to deliver superior performing trees through innovative science and world class customer service – every tree, every time. For more information, please visit www.arborgen.com