



ArborGen Senior Executive Appointed to U.S. DOE and USDA Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

David Nothmann will join independent body to provide technical input and guidance to policy makers on biomass research and development

SUMMERVILLE, SC – June 2, 2011 – ArborGen, a world leader in the development and commercialization of technologies that improve the productivity of trees for wood, fiber and energy, today announced that the company's Vice President of Business and Product Development, David Nothmann, has been named by the U.S. Secretary of Energy and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to serve on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee (Committee). Jointly administered by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Committee is made up of 31 volunteers from leading industry, academia, non-profit and local government entities.

“We are pleased that David has been selected to serve on this important Committee,” said Barbara Wells, president and CEO of ArborGen. “I am confident David will make significant contributions to the Committee's work during his term. ArborGen shares the Technical Advisory Committee's commitment to advance the research and development of biofuels- and bioenergy-related technologies and feedstocks. Our entire team works every day to develop solutions to meet the country's need for biomass and the growing worldwide demand for wood, fiber and energy.”

Nothmann's appointment is until November 30, 2013. As a member of the Committee, he will advise the Biomass Research and Development Board, which coordinates research and development activities related to biofuels. The Committee offers expertise on strategic planning and the technical aspects of the Biomass Research and Development Initiative. The initiative is legislatively directed to address feedstock development; biofuels and bio-based products development; and biofuels development analysis. The Committee's work will aid the DOE and USDA in building a sustainable biomass energy industry.

The leading provider of conventional and technology-enhanced seedlings to the global commercial forestry industry, ArborGen is a global pioneer of advanced tree genetics with more than 10 billion seedlings planted in Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and throughout the Southeastern U.S. ArborGen's scientists are dedicated to developing new sources of feedstocks through purpose grown trees to meet the growing demand for wood, fiber and energy.

Nothmann is responsible for all aspects of ArborGen's strategic business planning and product development. Prior to his current role at ArborGen, 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.

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About ArborGen

ArborGen is revolutionizing productivity in commercial forestry. We are the largest global supplier of seedling products to the commercial forestry industry, as well as the leading developer of biotech seedlings. Through innovations in both conventional breeding and biotechnology, we develop high-value products that significantly improve the productivity of a given acre of land by enabling our customers to grow trees that yield more wood per acre with greater consistency and quality in a shorter period of time. As a result, we are improving the sustainability of working forests while helping to meet the world's growing need for wood, fiber and energy. For more information, please visit our website at www.arborgen.com.

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