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Wells Named to Board of Directors of BIO

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (July 19, 2009) –Barbara Wells, Ph.D., president and CEO of ArborGen, headquartered in Summerville, S.C., was elected to the executive committee of the board of directors of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), the world’s largest biotechnology organization. In addition, Wells was named vice chair of the Food and Agriculture Sector Governing Body of BIO.

“We are honoured to have some of the industry’s best thinkers working closely with our membership and senior staff,” said BIO President and CEO Jim Greenwood. “Each of these individuals brings exceptional perspective, insight, and experience that will contribute to the health and growth of the industry, as well as the judicious oversight of BIO as a membership organization.”

Since 2002, Barbara Wells has led the development of ArborGen into a global biotechnology company with pending approval on its first biotech tree, a full and diverse product pipeline, and a well-established nurseries and orchards business that has created a full market channel for purpose grown trees.

ArborGen, LLC, formed in 2000, is the world’s source for purpose grown trees for lumber, pulp and paper, and bio energy. The company is dedicated to the global discovery, production and delivery of sustainable solutions for purpose grown trees.

BIO provides advocacy, business development and communications services for more than 1,200 members worldwide. BIO members include companies involved in the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and

environmental biotechnology. The goal for BIO is to represent the industry on such issues as FDA reform, reimbursement policy, national healthcare policy, regulation of biotech crops, and small business and economic development issues.

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