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Delta Company Wins Award of Excellence for Agri-food Innovation

Abbotsford, British Columbia – February 18, 2009 The Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia (IAF) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2009 Award of Excellence for Innovation in Agriculture and Agri-food. Nutri-Loc Ingredients Corporation of Delta, B.C. is this year's award recipient for its clean energy solution that turns food waste into healthy food products.

Every day, tons of nutrient-rich culls, skins, and pulp from fruits and vegetables are discarded. Nutri-Loc Ingredients Corporation has devised an innovative way to harness those oxidants, minerals and fibres, using a revolutionary approach to food dehydration to turn food waste into high nutrient food ingredient powders that can then be used to produce healthy convenience foods like nutrition bars, snacks, instant soups, and baked goods.

"We're very pleased to be the recipient of IAF's 2009 Award of Excellence," said Andrew Small, President and Chief Operating Officer of Nutri-loc Ingredients Corporation. "It not only provides us with encouragement but also helps to raise awareness and inform the agricultural community of the enhanced value-added elements of our unique dehydration process. Our next step is to bring the process to commercial production levels, something we will achieve within the next six months."

The IAF Award of Excellence for Innovation in Agriculture and Agri-food recognizes an individual, organization or business that has made a unique and important contribution to B.C.'s agriculture and agri-foods industry in the last three years. The award is open to individuals who reside in B.C. and Canadian-based businesses operating in B.C. This year's award was announced on February 18th at the 2009 Agri-Food Industry Gala in Abbotsford, hosted by the B.C. Agriculture Council.

"Innovation is central to the future of a sustainable, value-added agriculture and agri-foods industry in B.C.," said IAF Board Chair Stuart Wilson. "In presenting this award the Investment Agriculture Foundation wishes to acknowledge and congratulate all those whose skill and imagination contribute to B.C.'s reputation as being on the leading edge of developments in agriculture."

The Investment Agriculture Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that manages and distributes funds on behalf of the provincial and federal governments in support of innovative projects to benefit the agriculture and agri-food industries in British Columbia.

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