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**AgriForest Bio-Technologies Ltd. Receives \$100,000 award from BC
Innovation Council**

Kelowna, Canada – (January 11th, 2010) – AgriForest Bio-Technologies Ltd. of Kelowna, BC was one of the winners of the Commercialization of Agriculture Technology (CAT) competition organized by the BC Innovation Council. Designed to bridge the gap between research and industry by transforming innovation into real world solution, the award ceremony for the CAT competition kicked off BCIC's Innovation Summit 2010 in Vancouver.

“ We are honored to receive this award which will help AgriForest build an environmentally-friendly photoautotrophic micro-propagation facility. The creation of this facility will not only help AgriForest increase it's productivity and profitability but will have sector-wide benefits for agriculture and horticulture,” said Dr. Kamlesh R. Patel, President and CEO of AgriForest. The new technology and facility will allow AgriForest to produce economically important plant varieties at a competitive price as well as reduce environmental pollution by using recycled greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide, and by using natural sunlight instead of artificial light.

AgriForest welcomes and appreciates the \$100,000 contribution by the BCIC to transform the research results into commercial scale production facility, which is expected to cost about \$300,000. AgriForest recently completed a two-year feasibility study on the commercialization of photoautotrophic micro-propagation funded in part through a research grant from the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program in collaboration with scientists from Chiba University, Japan.

AgriForest's Dr. Ashish Dave and Dr. Faiq Khan, both of whom have extensive experience in the area of commercial plant tissue culture, will work as research scientists in the present project. Dr. Patel will provide overall management of the proposed project. Dr. Patel has been with AgriForest for the past 25 years, first as a research scientist, then research director and now as the President and CEO. Prior to joining AgriForest Dr. Patel worked as research scholar at Yale University and the University of Calgary. Dr. Patel was also a recipient of 'Innovator Of The Year' award from the Okanagan Science and Technology Council.

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About AgriForest Bio-Technologies Ltd.:

AgriForest Bio-Technologies Ltd. is a plant biotechnology company, located in Kelowna, BC, which produces economically important and unique plant varieties through tissue culture technology for the horticulture, agriculture, and forestry industries.