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Vestaron Bioinsecticides Spear®-T and Spear®-O Expect Commercial Availability in Late 2017

Additional crop protection products Spear®-P and Spear®-C to be commercially available in 2018.

January 18, 2017 – (Kalamazoo, Michigan) – A new dual mode-of-action bioinsecticide from Vestaron Corp. called Spear offers an effective and sustainable biological control solution for pests in ornamentals, vegetables and fruits in field and greenhouse settings. Visit Booth 2720 at the 2017 Tropical Plant Industry Exhibition for more details.

The first offerings are Spear®-T for use in controlling greenhouse pests in vegetables, and Spear®-O for pests in ornamentals, with commercial availability expected through major distributors in 2017. These products target major greenhouse pests including thrips, whiteflies and spider mites.

All Spear bioinsecticide products offer the consistency and effectiveness of synthetic chemistries combined with the safety of biologics. The Spear product line is designed to be non-toxic for fish, birds, humans and other mammals, honeybees and other beneficial insects.

Vestaron is also expecting commercial availability for two more products – Spear®-P, and Spear®-C – in 2018. Spear-P uses a combination of Spear and *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) to target the Colorado Potato Beetle. The two modes of action inherent in Spear products plus Bt give Spear-P three distinct ways to kill target pests. Spear-C protects crops from lepidopteran pests and also utilizes a Bt formulation.

“We are excited to expand availability of our Spear line of sustainable products, starting with Spear-T and Spear-O,” said Vestaron CEO John Sorenson. “These effective pest control products have no known resistance, are easy to use and effectively target insects while remaining non-toxic for humans and the environment. This makes them the perfect pest control tool for growing operations around the country.”

Field trials of Spear products demonstrate results equivalent or superior to conventional control chemicals.

The products’ active ingredient utilizes two new modes of action to control insects, which will help delay the emergence of insect resistance, while enhancing performance. They also have a four-hour re-entry interval and zero-day post-harvest interval to maximize grower flexibility.

Vestaron recently signed an agreement with OHP, Inc. A leading distributor of products for the professional greenhouse market, OHP will market the Spear-O formulation in late 2017.

Visit OHP at TPIE Booth 2211 and Vestaron at booth 2720.

About Vestaron Corporation

Vestaron Corporation exploits the natural insecticidal properties of a class of peptides which have potent insect killing potential, but are safe to humans, birds, fish and the environment. These peptides utilize new modes of action that have never before been used for insect control, and therefore do not suffer from insect resistance. In addition to the bioinsecticides, the Company is also leveraging its peptide technology with the development of traits and synthetics that also have a favorable safety spectrum. Vestaron is the winner of the Inaugural 2015 Bernard Blum Award for novel biocontrol solutions. Recently, the Company announced completion of an oversubscribed Series D round of financing totaling \$18 million dollars.

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