

Key insecticide combinations patent allowed in the US

Highlights

- Bio-Gene has received notice from the United States Patent & Trademark Office allowing a key patent for its synergistic combination of flavesone (the active compound in Flavocide®) with certain other insecticides.
- Formal grant of the patent is expected in approximately two to four months and will extend patent protection in the US to 2040.
- Patents relating to these key insecticide combinations are already granted in Australia, Japan, New Zealand and in 22 member states of the African Regional IP Organisation (ARIPO).

Melbourne, Australia: Bio-Gene Technology Limited (ASX:BGT or 'Bio-Gene' or 'the Company'), an Australian company developing the next generation of novel insecticides derived from nature, is pleased to announce that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified the Company that a key patent has been allowed in the US, protecting the use of the Company's Flavocide® in synergistic combination with the insecticidal actives permethrin or pyrethrin.

The patent allowance precedes a formal 'Notification of Grant' of the patent, which is expected during the next two to four months, upon which patent protection will be extended in the US to 2040. Patents relating to these and other key insecticide combinations are already granted in Australia, Japan, New Zealand and in 22 member states of the African Regional IP Organisation (ARIPO). Protection in additional territories is currently under review by the respective patent offices.

Tim Grogan, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer for Bio-Gene, said:

"We are continuing to build a patent portfolio around Flavocide to protect the Company's intellectual property and to create commercially valuable assets for licensing to our commercial partners. We are very pleased that this important invention has passed through the rigorous US patent examination process and to receive this notice of allowance."

Approved for release on ASX by Bio-Gene Board of Directors.

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About Bio-Gene Technology Limited

Bio-Gene is an Australian company developing novel bio-insecticides to address the global challenges of insecticide resistance. Its unique products are based on a naturally occurring class of compounds proven to overcome insecticide resistance to control pests with minimal impact on human health and the environment.

Bio-Gene's products have multiple applications across crop protection, grain storage, public health and consumer uses. They provide new options derived from nature to meet market demand for effective and safe pest management solutions.

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