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BioProspect obtains Australian Patent for Eremophilone Oil use in pest control

BioProspect Limited (ASX: BPO) announced today that it has received the Deed of Letters Patent for "Eremophilone and Eremophilone derivatives for pest control". This supports BioProspect's major project aimed at the development, registration and commercialisation of their eremophilone oil-based product *TERMILONE*[®], for use as a timber treatment and in termite control.

Acting chief executive of BioProspect Peter May said that this Australian Patent was the culmination of years of effort by a number of parties, in particular the inventors: Robert Spooner-Hart, David Leach and Greg Eaton. Robert Spooner-Hart is Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Horticulture & Plant Sciences with the University of Western Sydney. David Leach is Associate Professor and Director Science with the Centre for Phytochemistry and Pharmacology with the Southern Cross University. "BioProspect is continuing to work with both the University of Western Sydney and Southern Cross University is developing *TERMILONE*[®] in both Australian and overseas markets" Mr May said.

Mr May said that the granting of the patent was a significant and essential step in the process of protecting the intellectual property associated with this important Australian discovery. The patent is for a period of 20 years from the date of application which was 2003. "BioProspect has generated significant data on the chemistry and efficacy of this natural product that confirms the activity against timber pests but also the low mammalian toxicity of the product. Patent applications have been submitted in other countries including USA and Japan. BioProspect's aim is to focus support to the commercialisation of *TERMILONE*[®] in those countries where the opportunities are greatest. The USA and Japan are the largest termite control markets in the world." Mr May said.

Eremophilone oil is extracted from the native Australian tree species *Eremophila mitchellii*, known as False Sandalwood, which grows widely in western Queensland and New South Wales. BioProspect has agreements in place with government agencies to allow the development of this natural and environmentally safe Australian product. "The granting of this Australian patent is an important step in the process of commercialising *TERMILONE*[®], and both enhances the value of the intellectual property as well as assisting the process of obtaining international patent approvals to facilitate access to export opportunities." Mr May said.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a long, sweeping tail.

Colin Johnston
Company Secretary