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Horizon Ag Committed to Quality Rice Seed

MEMPHIS, TN (February 6, 2007) – Horizon Ag announced today that it is committed to testing and evaluation so that only quality CLEARFIELD® rice seed makes it into the market for the upcoming 2007 planting season.

In late January, the Arkansas State Plant Board announced “a limited amount of detection” of a LibertyLink® trait in a limited number of lots of CL131 rice seed. The Plant Board stated that the early detections were not conclusive and that it was not known if these detections were of either LL601 or LL62. Further testing of this and other CLEARFIELD® varieties is underway and results will be announced when appropriate.

“Horizon Ag is actively conducting tests on all of CLEARFIELD rice varieties in current production, and we are focusing this testing on parent seed stocks that are used to produce certified seed for the U.S. rice producer,” said Randy Ouzts, general manager of Horizon Ag, LLC, the company that markets CL131.

The samples being tested by Horizon are from all CLEARFIELD seed sources used to produce commercial varieties available in the channel of trade, Ouzts said. Testing the various classes of parent seed takes time and is a very complicated endeavor. Results from testing are expected in the very near future.

“We understand the importance of this issue for our rice producer customers and our ORYGEN® Seed Producer-Processors and we are committed to ensuring that all seed stocks received by our Producer-Processors meet all federal and state standards,” Ouzts said.

Horizon Ag developed its ORYGEN Seed Marketing System to coordinate the production and distribution of advanced seed lines for technology providers and public university breeding systems through quality rice seed producers, processors and seed retailers. For more information about Horizon Ag and its ORYGEN Seed Marketing System, go to www.horizonseed.com.

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