

Bion Announces Approval of New Mexican Patent for Low Oxygen Organic Waste Bioconversion for Livestock Waste Environmental Treatment

January 16, 2009. New York, New York. Bion Environmental Technologies, Inc. (OTC BB: BNET) announced today that notification was received that its patent application entitled, "Low Oxygen Organic Waste Bioconversion System" has been granted by the Mexican Patent Office. This will be the second Bion patent issued by Mexico.

The patent provides widened protection for Bion's core biological waste management process in this active and rapidly expanding animal agriculture market. Bion's international intellectual property protection currently includes issued patents in the key markets of Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and Australia. In addition Bion has patents pending in the entire European Union, Brazil, and Argentina.

About Bion: Bion has provided solutions to the agriculture and livestock industry since 1990, with 30 first-generation livestock waste environmental treatment systems installed through 2003. Bion's next-generation technology results from 19 years of research & development, testing, commercial deployment, and further adaptation to evolving standards and opportunities. The system provides comprehensive environmental treatment of livestock waste and simultaneously recovers cellulosic biomass from the waste stream to produce renewable energy in a process different and much more efficient than others that seek to exploit this energy source. The technology is scalable, proven and quickly gaining acceptance by regulatory agencies and other stakeholders as an effective solution to the environmental issues associated with concentrated livestock waste. For more information, see Bion's website: www.biontech.com.

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