

STRONG LEADERSHIP CONTINUES FOR AUSTRALIA'S PLANT SCIENCE INDUSTRY

Monday 26 November 2012 (Canberra) – CropLife Australia is pleased to announce the re-election of Nufarm General Manager Australasia, Lachie McKinnon, to his sixth term as President of CropLife. Mr McKinnon's unmatched dedication and significant industry experience equip him well to continue to lead the organisation during what remain challenging times for the plant science industry in Australia.

Joining Mr McKinnon on the CropLife Executive Committee are:

- *Vice President Crop Protection* – Mr Damien Ryan, Managing Director, Sipcam Pacific Australia
- *Vice President Crop Biotechnology* – Mr Daniel Kruihoff, Managing Director, Monsanto Australia Limited
- *Treasurer* – Mr Dean Corbett, Chief Executive Officer, Accensi Pty Ltd

In 2012/13 the following Board Directors will assist the Executive Committee in representing the interests of CropLife and its members:

- Mr Joerg Ellmanns, Managing Director, Bayer CropScience Pty Ltd
- Mr Peter Dryden, Managing Director, Dow AgroSciences Pty Ltd
- Mr Scott Huf, Business Director, Australia and New Zealand, DuPont (Australia) Ltd
- Mr David Peters, Managing Director, Farmoz Pty Ltd
- Mr Paul Luxton, Territory Head – Australasia, Syngenta Crop Protection Pty Limited

Chairing CropLife's Standing Reference and Technical Committees will be:

- *Crop Protection Committee* – Mr Paul Luxton, Syngenta Crop Protection Pty Limited
- *Crop Biotechnology Committee* – Mr Daniel Kruihoff, Monsanto Australia Limited, whose nominated delegate will be Mr Michael Leader, Monsanto Australia Limited

The Board continues to provide important strategic guidance for the CropLife Secretariat, led by Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Cossey.

Mr Cossey today said, "There has never been a more important time for strong and effective advocacy for Australia's plant science industry.

"When it comes to supporting Australia's farmers in increasing production while using resources efficiently and leaving the smallest possible environmental footprint, there is no industry more important than ours.

"The challenges ahead in achieving global food security can be overcome but only if the effort, skill and innovation needed in producing food and fibre for an ever growing population are not taken for granted.

"CropLife is fortunate that it represents the best of the plant science sector and has an experienced, professional and dedicated Board to continue to guide it at such a critical juncture in the history of Australian agriculture", Mr Cossey concluded.

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About CropLife Australia

CropLife Australia (CropLife) is the peak industry organisation representing the agricultural chemical and biotechnology (plant science) sector in Australia. CropLife represents the innovators, developers, manufacturers and formulators of crop protection and agricultural biotechnology products. The plant science industry provides products to protect crops against pests, weeds and diseases, as well as developing crop biotechnologies that are key to the nation's agricultural productivity, sustainability and food security. The plant science industry is worth more than \$1.5 billion a year to the Australian economy and directly employs thousands of people across the country.

CropLife and its members are committed to the stewardship of their products throughout their lifecycle and to ensuring that human health, environment and trade issues associated with agricultural chemical use in Australia are responsibly and sustainably managed. Our member companies spend more than \$13 million a year on stewardship activities to ensure the safe and effective use of their products. CropLife ensures the responsible use of these products through its mandatory industry code of conduct and has set a benchmark for industry stewardship through programs such as **drumMUSTER**, ChemClear® and Agsafe Accreditation and Training. Our stewardship activities demonstrate our commitment to managing the impacts associated with container waste and unwanted chemicals.

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