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PICKSEED Appoints Evergro Canada Inc. as Western Canada Distribution Partner

Delta, British Columbia:

Evergro Canada Inc., headquartered in Delta, B.C. and PICKSEED headquartered in Lindsay, Ontario, wishes to announce a distribution partnership agreement for western Canadian professional turf seed. The agreement will see Evergro take over the blending, marketing and distribution for all of PICKSEED's Pro Turf varieties in BC. The agreement will also allow Evergro to service its Alberta professional turf customers with a cooperative distribution arrangement with PICKSEED.

PICKSEED will retain and maintain its well-established consumer grass seed business as well as its forage and corn business in BC and Alberta.

"Evergro is excited about this arrangement as it will ensure we have continued access to the top performing varieties for our market. It will also give us a strong position to grow our business in Alberta where we have been selling into the golf course market since 1983," according to Dave Gingrich, vice president of Evergro Canada.

"This arrangement allows Pickseed to focus on breeding and selecting new turf grass varieties while ensuring we maintain the high service level and professional representation of our product line," says Karl Fiander, vice president of PICKSEED. "Evergro will have access to all our technical support personnel to maintain continuity of field knowledge and service."

Evergro, a western Canadian turf and agricultural product distributor and manufacturer was formed in 1975, then known as Agrico Sales Ltd. During the past 30 years the company has grown to become a dominant supplier of seed and fertilizer to the pro turf grass and horticultural industry in BC.

With six sales and distribution centres in western Canada, the Evergro group offers unparalleled coverage and service to its turf and horticultural customers. PICKSEED production and distribution of turfgrass and forage crop seeds. PICKSEED has locations across Canada and in Oregon and operates under the PICKSEED, Mapleseed, Seed Research of Oregon and Turf One brand names.