

PICKSEED APPOINTS JOHN PATTON AS VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL

Corvallis, OREGON, January 11, 2012 – PICKSEED announced that John Patton has been appointed Vice President, International Sales for the Pickseed Companies Group effective December 21, 2011.

John brings over 25 years of in-depth industry knowledge to expanding Pickseed's business in these strategic growing markets.

Bill Dunn, Executive Vice President, said: "Throughout his career, John has excelled at building strong relationships and with Pickseed's key global customers, this ability continues. John is motivated to improve all aspects of the Pickseed customer experience, through prompt response, high performance products and quality that exceed expectations."

John began his career at Pickseed selling domestically and was promoted to the International Sales Manager's position in 2007. He resides in Savannah Georgia.

The PICKSEED Companies Group is a leader in the development, production and distribution of turfgrass, forage crop seed. Since its beginning in 1947, the Group has built a trusted and proven reputation for quality, agronomic advice and a commitment to research and technology. PICKSEED currently has locations across Canada and Oregon and operates under the PICKSEED, Mapleseed, Seed Research of Oregon and TurfOne brand names.